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Terminal Ballistics of Rod-Like Fragments

PART A

SYNOPSIS

1. A program to determine the terminal ballistics of rod-like fragments was initiated by the Bureau of Ordnance on the basis of calculations and tests which indicated that such fragments might be more effective in producing structural damage to aircraft than conventional fragments. The aims of this program were to achieve controlled firings of single rods, and subsequently to carry out ballistic tests on representative targets to determine damage under various conditions of attack.
2. This report covers the development of methods and attendant instrumentation to project rods in a reproducible fashion and over a range of sizes and velocities.
3. As a result of this work, a background of information has been acquired regarding the controlled flight of single rods. Specifically, configurations have been developed that have projected given rods at given velocities from 1500 ft./sec. to over 2000 ft./sec. Using these configurations preliminary structural damage data have been obtained by making shots against 1/4" and 3/8" mild steel and STS plates, and 1/2" 24S-T4 aluminum plates positioned face on and edge on.

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PART BINTRODUCTION

## 1. AUTHORITY:

This test was authorized by references (a), (b), and (c).

## 2. REFERENCES:

- a. BUORD conf ltr 05124-Re3d-AM:bc of 29 Jun 1950
- b. Task Assignment No. NPG-Re3d-442-2 of 22 May 1950
- c. Task Assignment No. NPG-Re3d-442-1-51 of 22 Dec 1950
- d. NPG Report 662, of 18 Oct 1950

## 3. BACKGROUND:

In aircraft damage tests at the New Mexico School of Mines, the results appeared to indicate that the structural damage caused by rod-like fragments could be considerably greater than that due to conventional fragments. Preliminary studies in warhead design also indicated that a rod-expelling configuration might be highly effective. Therefore, in order that the various warhead needs of the Navy might be considered with regard to this type of fragment, the Bureau of Ordnance requested the Naval Proving Ground to investigate the characteristics of rod-like fragments and fragment producers to obtain pertinent information required in making type and design choices.

The first phase of the program was to be the determination of methods for expelling single rods under controlled conditions, considering such problems as reproducibility of path, orientation and velocity. The next phase of the investigation was to be the determination of damage to suitable targets, using well-controlled single rods. With a number of configurations giving standard velocities and trajectories of rods, the velocity and penetration laws, limit velocities; and mechanics of rod fragments are now being determined as a function of initial velocity, path, geometry of the systems, physical properties, and the like for various structure types and materials.

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## 4. PERIOD OF TEST:

This report covers the period from July 1950 up to April 1951.

## 5. REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT:

During the period reported upon, representative tests were witnessed and discussed by Dr. Abraham Miller of the Bureau of Ordnance and Dr. L. F. Wolanetz of The Johns Hopkins University, Applied Physics Laboratory.

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## 6. DESCRIPTION OF TEST EQUIPMENT AND PROCEDURE:

The first tests were conducted in order that the nature of rod flight might be determined, and utilized methods that set the basic form for the subsequent work. In them the rod was set up horizontally at a convenient height and projected broadside by a layer of explosive backing the rod. As explosive only Composition C-3 was used. Screens of 3/16" cardboard were set up in definite positions, and the flight of the rod was then determined by the rod cuts on the screens and the recovered fragments.

The first rods were 1/2" square, 15" long, of carbon steel (AISI 1090). The explosive was loaded to depths of 1/4" and 1/2" to the proper density in an aluminum foil channel. The channel had such a depth as to accommodate both the rod and explosive. In assembly a 1/2" wide strip of blotting paper was placed in the channel between the rod and the explosive, for the purpose of reducing rod spalling. The whole assembly was tightly held together with paper tape.

Engineer's special electric blasting caps were used in detonating the charge. The method employed was to insert the cap parallel to the rod into a booster charge placed at one end of the explosive column. Detonations attempted from the middle of the column resulted in low order explosions. See Figure 1, Appendix (B) for set up, and Figure 34, Appendix (D) for recovered rods.

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For velocity determinations two aluminum foil sandwich contact screens operating two 100 kilocycle electronic counter chronographs in parallel, were substituted for the plain cardboard screens. Average velocities were calculated by determining the time of flight over a ten foot base line. Figure 2, Appendix (B) shows a schematic diagram of screen details.

This set up was used with little change other than refinements being made and firing configurations being varied, the latter so that methods of propelling the rod and flight characteristics could be investigated. Initially the rods were backed with either 1/4" or 1/2" deep by 1/2" wide columns of explosive, 15" long, plus a small booster charge at one end. By lengthening the column to 20" a 5" booster beyond the rod was obtained which was also increased in thickness for these narrow columns. Detailed data referring to the tests performed make up Table II to Table VIII in Appendix (A).

Other modifications made in the rod and explosive configuration in an attempt to obtain controlled flight are listed in Table I, Appendix (A).

These changes resulted in a design which is referred to as the "free plate rod gun". In the rod gun the explosive is confined between 1/2" steel top and bottom plates and a 1/2" square backing rod. In one type of set up the rod is backed by the explosive and lies between the two plates. In another the explosive column alone is confined between the plates with the rod outside the plates and between two rods. A diagram of a rod gun is included as Figure 3, Appendix (B).

One half inch square rods 7" and 15" long, and 3/4" square rods 15" long were shot by means of one or the other of these methods. In all the designs so far treated, detonation was achieved by end initiation and a 5" booster charge.

Despite the success attained in projecting rods, velocity measurements gave inconsistent values. It was thought that outer rod and plate fragments were causing the screens to trigger erratically. To solve this problem, first, more ductile steel was substituted for rod and plate material since the harder steels seemed to fragment excessively, (Figure 35, Appendix (D)). Secondly, a contact screen was designed that would not be triggered readily except by rods. This resulted in the grid contact screen, where the circuit was closed by the rod coming into contact with neighboring aluminum foil strips.

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However, it appeared that the softer steel solved the fragmentation problem, and that the flight of a rod could be controlled, with the 1-1/2" explosive depth giving a reproducible velocity.

A change was now made in the velocity screen set up. Two sets of screens (each set with a separate counter) were employed. The distance between the start and stop screens of a set was 5' while the charge to screen distances were varied. The two sets could be used either to check one another by being placed across the same distance or to show velocity change by covering separate base lines.

The exact weight of the explosive loading was now obtained so velocity dependence upon this factor would be better known and so more definite results could be predicted for a given system. 0.06 lb./in.<sup>3</sup> was the usual density for a loading.

Using the rod gun configuration and sandwich contact screens for velocity checking, shooting of rods against steel and aluminum plates was commenced. Seven inch rods of 3/4" and 1/2" square cross section were tried but difficulty was encountered in projecting them so that the plates would be hit broadside. Final results showed that end hits predominated. Shots were made against plates of 1/8", 1/4", and 3/8" mild steel and STS; and 1/2" 24S-T4 aluminum with the plates placed both face on and on edge. Fragments were recovered in a 4 foot by 6 foot by 4 foot sawdust filled box. Plates were rigidly supported and velocity screens on a five foot base line were placed before the plates.

After a series of shots against these plates it became evident that the correct values of rod velocities were not being obtained. Plate damage was greater than that to be expected for the measured velocities. To determine the source of error, shots were made using larger columns of explosive. Velocities did not vary greatly over the range of explosive weights, but varied erratically beyond inaccuracies of geometry. It was first suspected that screen triggering by the blast wave was the cause of these inconsistent values of velocity. Blast shields were utilized but seemed to do little toward correcting the observed discrepancies.

In reference (d) velocities measured by the high-speed camera method for rods from a flat plate configuration were found that could be taken as the basis along with the Gurney formula for further checking. These values are summarized in Appendix (A), Table V. These plates consisted of 6" rods held in a plywood frame and backed with Composition C-3. For checking purposes,

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three 7" rods held in the same sized plywood frame and backed by a smaller amount of explosive corresponding to the reduced rod area were constructed, (Figure 4, Appendix (B)). These were shot under different conditions in that contact screens were used for velocity measurement and the base line was shorter. 1/2" and 3/4" layers of explosive backed the rods. Felt was placed between the rods and the explosive to prevent spalling in some of the 1/2" layer rounds. Velocities failed to check with reference (d). (Compare Table IV with Tables V and VI, Appendix (A)).

The results indicated that the inconsistent velocities were primarily due to the velocity measuring instrumentation rather than fragment and blast triggering or inaccuracies of loading and geometry. Since the counters and input leads responded accurately to check tests, it seemed that the sandwich contact screens were responsible for the unsatisfactory performance. Further tests were made to verify this assumption, conducted in a 30' arena with both contact screens and cameras to measure rod velocities (Figure 5, Appendix (B)).

The results indicated that the contact screens were not effective or reliable triggering devices. The screen velocities obtained varied erratically and were much lower than the correct values measured by the camera.

One other test was conducted as a final check. Camera and screens were employed for velocity measurements. The plate shots reported in reference (d) were duplicated with more precision being followed in the construction and loading of the charge and plate, and in the velocity measuring scheme. The values measured by the contact screens were definitely incorrect while those obtained with the camera checked with reference (d) and Gurney's formula.

With the problems of rod projection investigated and solved except for the velocity measuring difficulties, attention was primarily directed toward developing a convenient and accurate method of checking velocities. Two lines of attack were followed; adaption of camera techniques so that film records might be taken at existing laboratory firing facilities, and development of new screens for counter triggering.

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The first of these was accomplished with little difficulty, thus enabling the absolute checking of screen measurements. For the second, it was necessary that a screen be designed taking into account the geometry of the rod as well as the desirability of a sharp, positive triggering action upon rod contact with the screen. Break screens were first investigated, as well as wire-and-foil contact screens. Neither was satisfactory.

Concurrently with these a modified type of grid screen was tested. This design turned out to be more accurate and dependable, with the secondary advantage that triggering by blast wave or extraneous fragments was more difficult, and it was considered that the screen problem was solved.

In the grid screen, triggering depends upon electrical contact between two parallel aluminum foil strips being made through the rod. The first screens of this type had been designed around fragment control specifications. With fragmentation no longer a problem the new factors determining the geometry of the screen were blast effects and the necessity that the rod come into positive contact with a set of triggering strips. The requirements posed by these factors were satisfied by using narrow strips close together and stapled down firmly. Subsequent use indicated that this screen was quite adequate. (See Figure 3, Appendix (B)).

From these investigations standard procedures and methods giving reproducible performance evolved. Variations make use of these basic components and involve only slight change or repositioning of the elements.

A description of the standard rod gun and instrumentation follows: The charge consists of a 1/2" thick column of Composition C-3 in a 20" long welded channel of 1/2" steel stock. Various depths (1-1/2" and less) cover the velocity range from 1000 ft./sec. to over 2000 ft./sec. A 1/2" square, 15" long steel rod is inserted into the channel. Both hardened 1090 and soft 1020 rods, with identifying marks punched on the surface, have been used. For velocity measurements, two sets of grid screens are positioned either both before, or one set before and one set after the target. Conditions determine the desired distances between screens, target, and charge. Velocities measured by the 16mm high speed camera method serve as a check on the values measured by the screen method for new rod gun configurations. The path and orientation of the rod may be checked by cuts on velocity screens or by the

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positioning of additional cardboard. Fragment collection is accomplished by the use of a sawdust filled box. Targets are of aluminum and steel, both in plate form and of such shapes and so supported as to represent structural members. Shots are made so as to hit specific portions of the target at various points along the rod. Secondary targets of lighter steel plate are put up as the test demands.

More specifically, channels with 1/2", 3/4", 1", and 1-1/2" depths of Composition C-3 are being shot. Targets have consisted of 1/4", and 3/8" mild steel and STS plates, and 1/2" 24S-T4 aluminum plates. Additional terminal ballistics data are obtained by studying the rod fragments collected in the sawdust box after impact.

New configurations are being investigated for obtaining higher velocities. In one such, the rod gun is set up vertically and surrounded by heavy steel blocks on the back and sides. In another, shorter rods and shorter and wider explosive columns are to be shot in the welded channel configuration.

**7. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION:**

The main problems connected with the work reported upon were determination of the methods of firing a single rod, and investigation into the terminal ballistics of a given rod against a given target. The first may be further resolved into the characteristics of firing, the effect of firing upon the rod, velocities which a given system will produce consistently, and the trajectory to be expected. The results obtained serve to supply information on these points.

The shots for which velocities were measured by the sandwich contact screen method alone and which therefore, owing to screen failure to trigger properly under the circumstances encountered, did not give the required data are listed in Tables I to III, Appendix (A), together with the characteristics peculiar to them. These representative values show the performance of a given system, but also indicate the inconsistencies in velocities for a given assembly and between different assemblies due to the use of the contact screens. Note that the prevailing velocity is in the 1000-1500 ft./sec. range due to shock wave or slower fragment triggering after the passage of the rod.

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Target shots are given in more detail with reference to photographs of plates and with the apparent velocity measured which may be compared with that of subsequent tests. Pictures of these target plates appear in Appendix (C) and include Figures 6 to 25.

Short rod penetration of these plates may be explained by the greater tendency for these rods to revolve horizontally and thus hit the plate end on. Indications on the plates and rods show that such hits occurred most often. Also the measured velocities recorded here are below the true velocities and thus give incorrect information concerning limit velocities for broadside penetration of plates. Consequently higher actual velocities as well as end-on hitting on the plates account for the penetrations observed.

Following these shots come the tests concerned with determining the sources of error in the velocity measurement instrumentation and with their removal. These data make up Tables IV to VI in Appendix (A) and overlap with the data obtained in development of new charge configurations, Table VII, Appendix (A).

The most recent shots reported upon are the most significant. Reproducible velocities under controlled conditions have been obtained, and may be correlated with the damage data of plates. An empirical formula has been suggested as a basis for calculating the velocities to be expected from a given thickness of explosive in the welded steel rod gun, that is  $v = 1835 \sqrt{t}$ , where  $t$  is the thickness in inches. (See Figure 38, Appendix (E)).

Data have been obtained using these rod guns to project rods against mild steel, STS, and aluminum plate. The first initial shots are included in this report and corresponding information is found in Appendix (A), Table VIII, and Appendix (C), Figures 16 to 25.

Additional remarks concerning certain tests are included in the appendices when necessary and complete the discussion and the presentation of the results of this program for the period covered by this report.

A report now in preparation will cover the more recent phases of this program. An evaluation of the terminal ballistics results will not be attempted here, owing to the preliminary nature of the tests.

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**CONCLUSIONS**

8. It is concluded that as a result of this work a background of information has been acquired regarding the controlled flight of single rods. Specifically, configurations have been developed that have projected given rods at given velocities from 1500 ft./sec to over 2000 ft./sec. Using these configurations preliminary structural damage data have been obtained by making shots against 1/4" and 3/8" mild steel and STS plates, and 1/2" 24S-T4 aluminum plates positioned face on and edge on.

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TABLE IList of Preliminary Charge and Rod Modifications Investigated

1. Single rod backed by 1-1/2" Composition C-3. Rod fragmented.
2. Single rod backed by 1-1/4" Composition C-3 all in sheet steel channel. Outside rods on either side of center rod. Good flight.
3. Sletted pipe 1.1" I.D., 1.89" O.D., 15" long, containing approximately .8 pound Composition C-3. 15" rod in the slot and flush with the outer surface. Excessive fragmentation.
4. One (1") inch or 1-1/4" thick charge and single 1020 or 1090 steel rod contained in .020" sheet aluminum channel. Confinement by 1/2" square wooden rods around back of charge and 1/2" square steel rods around front. Widely varying velocities.
5. Single rod backed by 1" Composition C-3 all in aluminum channel. Top and bottom confinement by 2" by 6" by 20" steel plates, back confinement by 1/2" thick plate filling in remaining space between the 2" plates. Plates and rod fragmented. See Figure 34, Appendix (D).
6. Rods strapped to blocks of explosive (explosive confinement depended upon). Rods badly broken up. Velocities listed in Table II, Appendix (A). Recovered fragments included in Figure 35, Appendix (D).
  - a. Single rod backed by 1-1/2" wide block all supported on 3/4" pine backing.
  - b. Same with 1/2" to 1" thicknesses of explosive and with or without tetryl boosters.
  - c. Rod set flush in 1/2" by 1" block of Composition C-3.
7. Three (3) rods all backed by explosive in aluminum channel. Explosive depth ranging from 1/4" to 2-1/2", width constant at 1-1/2". Rods marked for determination of trajectories. Outside rods project at angles to the horizontal, center rod's flight horizontal with ballistics satisfactory. Confining of charge by 3/4" thick pine box investigated. See Table II, Appendix (A) and Figures 35 and 36, Appendix (D).

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TABLE I (Continued)

8. Single rod backed by 1/2" thickness of explosive, 3/4", 1" and 1-1/2" deep. Confinement top and bottom by 1/2" plates, in the rear by 1/2" rod. Designated as free plate rod gun. Front edge of top and bottom plates spalled giving undesirable fragments. See Table II, Appendix (A); Figure 32, Appendix (D).

TABLE II  
Preliminary Investigations into Rod Flight

Representative shots: Sandwich contact screens, 10' distance between screens.  
Explosive in Aluminum channel; 1/2" square, 15<sup>a</sup> long rods; 5° charge to screen distance.

Rd.	Charge & Rod Configuration	Time Millisec.	Flight	Rod and Fragment Data
No.		Ft./Sec.		
A-1	2 <sup>a</sup> confining plates, 1/2" x 1" x 20" Comp. C-3 column	4.86	2060	Rod broke up, plates fragmented. (App. (D), Fig. 34).
A-2	1/2" plates, 1/2" x 3/4" x 20" column, single front rod	7.73	1290	Rod intact, curved. (Shown by screen cuts).
A-3	Same, 1/2" x 1" x 20" column	5.81	1720	Rod intact, curved.
A-4	Same, 1/2" x 1-1/2" x 20"	6.58	1520	Broadside, level
A-5	1/2" plates, 1/2" x 1-1/2" x 20" column, 3 frontal rods	6.65	1500	Broadside, tilted
A-6	Same	7.18	1390	Broadside, tilted
A-7	Same, 2 sets of screens 0-10°, 3-13°	1) 5.93 2) 7.03	1630 1420	Broadside, straight, level
A-8	Same	1) 2.78 2) 75.12	3600 133	Broadside flight, dropping
A-9	Same, 1/2" x 2-1/2" x 20" column, 2 sets of screens	1) 5.90 2) 7.83	1700 1280	No rod hits on stop- ping screens
A-10	Same	1) 5.21 2) 5.92 5.85	1920 1690 1710	Broadside flight, slight tilting over 13°

TABLE II (Continued)

Representative shots: Sandwich contact screens, 10' distance between screens.  
 Explosive in Aluminum channel: 1/2" square, 15" long rods; 5" charge to screen distance, 3/4" pine backing.

Rd. No.	Charge & Rod Configuration	Time Millisec.	Apparent Velocity Ft./Sec.	Flight	Rod & Fragment Data
B-1	Rod backed by 1" x 1-1/2" x 20" block Comp. C-3	6.65	1500	Fragmented. Fig. 35).	(App. (D), Fig. 35).
B-2	Same, 1/2" x 1-1/2" x 20" block	5.83	1720	Fragments spread	Fragmented.
B-3	Same, tetryl booster	6.39	1570		Fragmented.
B-4	Rod set flush in 1" x 1-1/2" x 20" block (1/2" explosive surrounding rod), tetryl booster	6.91	1450.		Fragmented. (App. (D), Fig. 35).
B-5	Rod between two rods, all backed by 1/4" x 1-1/2" x 20" block		Recorded velocities range from 500-800	Center rod is rotating, top & bottom rods go off at an angle	Intact, curved. (App. (D), Figs. 35 and 36).
B-6	Same, 1/2" depth	8.42	1190	Tilting, broadside	Intact, straight.
B-7	Same, 3/4" depth	8.17	1220	Tilting, broadside	Intact, straight.
B-8	Same, 3/4" depth, confined by 3/4" pine box		Approximately 1300	Tilting, broadside	Intact, straight.
B-9	Same, 1" depth	8.41	1180	Stop screen not hit	Intact.
B-10	Same, 3/8" depth (Note Velocity Variation)	(a) 10.80 (b) 5.38 (c) 18.39 (d) 14.19 (e) 7.60 (f) 11.09	930 1860 540 710 1320 900	Tilting, dropping, broadside Same as above Tilted, broadside Tilted, dropping, broadside Rotating horizontally Level, broadside	Intact. Intact. Intact. Intact. Intact, split on hitting wooden backstop.

TABLE III

Rod gun 1/2" wide, 20" long; three 1/2" x 1/2" x 15" rods.  
 Sandwich contact screens; 10' base line (except as noted).

Rd.	No.	Charge & Rod Configuration	Time Millisece.	Apparent Velocity Ft./Sec.	Flight	Rod & Fragment Data	Target Shots
A-1	1-1/2" depth Comp. C-3;	1) 2 sets of screens	7.73	1290	Rotating horizontal-tally	Intact, curved	5" rocket motor, 1/4" shell, approx. 25° from charge; cut half through; rod broken up. (App. (D), Fig. 33)
A-2	1-1/2" depth; 5' base line	1) 6.35	1580				
A-3	1-1/2" depth	4.16	1190	Broadside	Intact, straight. 1/2" x 30" x 30" 24S-T4 aluminum plate upon hit-		
A-4	1-1/2" depth; 2 sets of screens, 8' screen distance, 11' base line	7.19 7.16	1390 1400	Broadside, rotating	broke upon hit- plate on edge, marked 11/16 1/2"		
A-5	1-1/2" depth	6.19 6.20 4.65	1290 1290 1720	Broadside, rotating, level	Intact, curved	Same, end hit, 11/17; 1st cut.	
A-6	1-1/2" depth	7.94 7.04 7.06	1260 1420 level	Broadside, rotating	Intact, curved	Same, 11/21; 1-1/2" deep	
A-7	1-1/2" depth	6.68 6.71	1500 1490	Rotating	Intact, bent		
A-8	1" depth	7.78 7.80	1290 1280	Rotating	Intact, curved		
A-9	1" depth	6.44 6.45	1550	Rotating	Intact, curved	Same, clipped; 11/22.	

TABLE III (continued)

Rod guns: 5/8" wide, 1-1/2" deep, 20" long, and 1-5/8" wide, 1-5/8" deep, 20" long, explosive columns:  
 three 1/2" x 1/2" x 15" rods.  
 Sandwich contact screens; 10" base line.

Rd.	Charge & Rod No.	Time Millisecond.	Apparent Velocity Ft./Sec.	Flight	Rod & Fragment Data	Target Data
B-1	5/8" x 1-1/2" 1 lb. Comp. C-3	6.78 6.79	1470	Rotating	Marked (B), straight, (App. (D), Figs. 26 & 27.)	1/2" x 18" x 30" 24S-T4 aluminum plate, on edge, marked 11/28-1. end hit, 3/4" wide, 1" deep. (Charge target distance 15') (App. (C) Figs. 6 & 7.)
B-2	Same. .95 lb.	.15	1400	Rotating	(K), straight	-----
B-3	Same. 1 lb.	6.29 6.32	1590 1580	Rotating	(H), straight	Same, 11/29-1, rod hit at angle 5° from end, 3/4" wide, 1-1/4" deep.
B-4	Same. 1.15 lb.	6.92 6.65	1450 1500	Broadside, rotating	(C), intact, bent	Same, 12/6, face cut.
B-5	Same. 1.15 lb.	6.36 6.37	1570	Broadside, rotating	(D), intact, bent	-----
B-6	1/2" x 1-5/8" 1 lb. Comp. C-3	7.10 7.13	1410 1400	Broadside, rotating	(E), curved intact	Same, 11/28-2, hit at center of rod, 3/4" deep, 5/8" wide.
B-7	Same. .9 lb.	6.66 6.69	1500	Broadside	(N)	Same, 11/29-2, hit at angle at center of rod. Cut 1-1/2" wide, 1" deep.
B-8	Same. .95 lb.	6.50	1540	Broadside, rotating	Intact, bent	Same, 11/30, rod hit 5" from end. Cut 3/4" wide, 1-1/4" deep.
B-9	Same. .95 lb.	6.71	1490	Rotating	(B <sub>1</sub> )	Same, 11/30, face out.

TABLE III (Continued)

Rod gun,  $\frac{7}{8}$ " wide,  $1\frac{1}{2}$ " deep, 12" long, explosive column, three  $\frac{3}{4}$ " x  $\frac{3}{4}$ " x 7" rods.  
Sandwich contact screens.

Rd. No.	Charge & Rod Configuration	Time Millisees.	Apparent Velocity Ft./Sec.	Flight	Rod & Fragment Date	Target Data
C-1	10' base line .9 lb.	8.65	1160	Rotating	Rod marked (A) (App. (D) FIG. 26 & 27)	3/8" x 36" x 36" STS plate, marked Plate I, 12/7-2, edge, $\frac{3}{4}$ " wide, $1\frac{1}{4}$ " deep. (App. (C) FIGS. 8 & 9).
C-2	10' base line .9 lb.	--	--	Rotating	(B)	Same, 12/7-3, on edge, $1\frac{1}{4}$ " wide, $\frac{3}{4}$ " deep.
C-3	10' base line .95 lb.	8.03	1250	Rotating	(B0)	Same, 12/8-1.
C-4	10' base line .95 lb.	8.04	1240			
C-4	10' base line .95 lb.	8.71	1150	Broadside, rotating		Same, 12/8-2.
C-5	5' base line .95 lb.	8.89	1130			
C-5	5' base line .95 lb.	4.58	(1090)	Rotating, did not hit stop screen	(K)	Same, 12/8-3.
C-6	5' base line	3.85	1300	Dropping, hori- zontal rotation	(M)	Same, 12/8-4, end on hit.

TABLE III (Continued)

Rod gun,  $5/8"$  wide,  $1-1/2"$  deep,  $12"$  long explosive column;  $7"$  backing rod; three  $1/2" \times 1/2" \times 7"$  rods, sandwich contact screens, 5' base line.

Rd. No.	Charge & Rod Configuration	Time Millisec.	Apparent Velocity Ft./Sec.	Flight	Rod & Fragment Data	Target Data
					(App. (D) FIG. 28)	
D-1	.75 lb. Comp. C-3	4.39 4.40	1140	Rotating		$3/8" \times 36" \times 36"$ STS plate, marked Plate I, 12/8-5, (App. (C)) Figs. 8 & 9.
D-2	.75 lb.	2.68	1870	Rotating, hit end on hitting	All intact before hitting	$3/8" \times 36" \times 36"$ mild steel, marked Plate II, 12/14-1, (App. (C) Figs. 10 & 11).
D-3	.75 lb.	3.96	1260	Broadside, rotating		Same, 12/15-2, clipped plate.
D-4	.7 lb.	4.29 4.31	1170 1160	Broadside, rotating		Same, 12/15-3.
D-5	.7 lb.	4.34 4.35	1150	End on		
D-6	.7 lb.	3.95 3.96	1300	Broadside, rotating		Same, 12/15-4.
D-7	.7 lb.	4.54 4.57	1100 1090	Broadside, rotating		Same, 12/15-5.
D-8	.7 lb.	4.03	1240	Rotating		Same, 12/16-6.
D-9	.7 lb.	3.91	1280	Rotating		Same, 12/16-7, end on hit.
D-10	.7 lb.	3.47 3.48	1440	Bad hit on screens		Same, 12/16-8.
D-11	.7 lb.	3.69	1360	Rotating		Same, 12/18-9.
D-12	.73 lb.	--	--	Rotating		Same, 12/18-10, end on hit.
D-13	.73 lb.	3.96 3.97	1260	Rotating		Same, 12/19-11.

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TABLE III (Continued)

Rod guns,  $5/8"$  wide,  $1/2"$  deep,  $12"$  long, explosive column and  $5/8"$  wide,  $1"$  deep,  $12"$  long explosive column;  $12"$  backing rods; three  $1/2" \times 7"$  rods.

Sandwich contact screens; 5' base line.

Rd. No.	Charge & Rod Configuration	Time Millisecond.	Apparent Velocity Ft./sec.	Rod & Fragment Data		Target Data
				Flight	Data	
E-1	$5/8" \times 1"$ ; .5 lb. Comp. C-3	3.26	1530	Straight path, rotating	End hit, rod bent. (App. (D) Fig. 28)	$1/4" \times 36" \times 36"$ mild steel marked Plate III, 12/19-1 (App. (C)) Figs. 12 & 13).
E-2	.5 lb.	4.49	1110	Rotating	Intact, curved	Same, 12/19-2.
E-3	.5 lb.	3.31	1510	Straight path, rotating	End on	Same, 12/20-3.
E-4	.48 lb.	4.38	1140	End on		Same, 12/20-4.
E-5	.45 lb.	4.37				
E-6	$5/8" \times 1/2"$ ; .25 lb. Comp. C-3	5.90	850	Straight path, rotating	7" backing rod in addition	Same, 12/20-5.
E-7	.23 lb.	6.45 6.44	780	Broadside, rotating	Marked (Z), 2 backing rods, straight (App. (D)) Fig. 29)	Same, 12/20-6.
				Rotating	2 backing rods	Same, 12/21-7.

TABLE III (Continued)

Rod guns, 5/8" wide, 1-3/4" deep, 12" long explosive column and 5/8" wide, 1-5/8" deep, 12" long explosive column, 12" backing rod; three 1/2" x 1/2" x 7" rods. Sandwich contact screens; 5' base line.

Rd.	Charge & Rod No.	Time Millisees.	Apparent Velocity Ft./Sec.	Flight	Rod & Fragment Data		Target Data
					(App. (D) Fig. 28)	(App. (D) Fig. 28)	
F-1	5/8" x 1-5/8"	3.67	1360	Rotating			1/4" x 36" x 36" mild steel; marked Plate III, 12/21-8, (App. (C), Figs. 12 & 13).
F-2	.8 lb.	4.12	1210	Dropping			Same, 12/21-9.
F-3	.8 lb.	4.13					Same, 12/21-10.
F-4	.8 lb.	3.75	1330	Rotating			3/8" x 36" x 36" mild steel; marked Plate IV, 12/22-1, (App. (C), Figs. 14 & 15).
F-5	.8 lb.	3.89	1290	Rotation in vertical plane	Curved, intact		Same, 12/22-2.
F-6	5/8" x 1-3/4"	4.05	1240	Rotation in vertical plane	Curved, intact		Same, 12/30-3.
F-7	Same as above	4.14	1210	Straight, rotation in horizontal plane	Emi hit, curved intact		Same, 12/30-4.
F-8	Same as above	3.54	1410	Straight, rotation in horizontal plane	No rod hits on screen		Same, 12/30-5.
F-9	Same as above	3.57	1400		II, rod rose		Same, 12/30-6.
F-10	Same as above	4.62	1080				Same, 12/30-7.
		4.64					
		3.68	1360	Rotating in horizontal plane			
		3.69	1350				
		3.65	1370	Rotating in horizontal plane			
		3.67	1360				
		3.58	1400	Rotating in horizontal plane			
		3.60	1390				

TABLE IV

## Investigation of Sandwich Contact Screen Failure

Rods in plywood frame backed by Composition C-3, approximately .8 lb. explosive,  $1/2"$  thick.  
 Three  $1/2" \times 1/2" \times 7"$  rods; sandwich contact screens, 5' screen distance, 2 sets of screens over base line.

Rd. No.	Charge & Rod Configuration	Apparent			Flight	Rod & Fragment Data
		Time Milliseo.	Velocity Ft./Sec.			
A-1	$1/16"$ felt between explosive and rods	1)	5.84	860	Top and bottom rods off at angle, rods revolve in vertical plane, center rod rising	Intact and straight. (App. (D), Figs. 31 and 36).
		2)	—	—	Top and bottom rods off at angle, rods revolve in vertical plane, center rod dropping	Intact and straight.
A-2	No felt	1)	6.12	820	Top and bottom rods off at angle, rods revolve in vertical plane, center rod dropping	Intact and straight.
		2)	6.14	780		

TABLE IV (Continued)

Rods in plywood frame backed by Composition C-5; approximately 1-1/4 lb. explosive 3/4" thick.  
Three 1/2" x 1/2" x 7" rods.

Rd. No.	Charge & Rod Configuration	Time Millisec.	Apparent Velocity Ft./Sec.	Flight	Rod & Fragment Data
B-1	Sandwich contact screens, 5' screen distance over approx. 10' base line	0-5') 3.78 6-11') 2.39	1320 2120 2090	Straight, level flight, rod rotating in vertical plane	Rods intact and straight (App. (D) Fig. 31 and 36).
B-2	Same as above; cardboard shield before first screen	0-5') 3.08 6-11') 3.52	1620 2058 1420	Same	Rod intact and straight.
B-3	Same as above, no shield 1/16" felt between explosive and rod	1) 3.69 2) 3.77	1360 1350 1330	Same	Rods intact and straight.

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TABLE V

Velocities Compared with Sandwich Contact Screen Values

Rods in plywood frame backed by Composition C-3.  
Velocity values taken from NPG Report 662, of 18 Oct. 1950.

	<u>Velocity</u>
1/4" Comp. C-3, 16" felt between explosive and rod	Less than 1100 ft./sec.
1/2" Comp. C-3	Maximum 1700 ft./sec. Median 1640 ft./sec. Average 1580 ft./sec.
2" Comp. C-3	Maximum 2440 ft./sec. Median 2270 ft./sec. Average 2210 ft./sec.

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TABLE VICamera Velocities for Comparison with Sandwich Contact Screen Values

Rods in plywood frame backed by Composition C-3, approximately 3 lbs. explosive, 1" thick.  
 Ten  $1\frac{1}{2}$ " x 6" rods.  
 Sandwich contact screens 5" base line and 36mm camera, 30° velocity arena.

Ro. No.	Charge & Rod Configuration	Time Millisees.	Velocity Ft./Sec.	Flight	Rod & Fragment Date
1	Counter velocity	4.13	1210	7 rod group rose and went to one side. Random orientation. Indication that rest dropped.	Rods intact and curved (App. (D), Fig. 31 and 36).
	Camera velocity	Highest	2480		
		Average	2370		
2	Counter velocity	3.95	1270	Similar results	
	Camera velocity	Highest	2680		
		Average	2440		
3	Counter velocity	2.50	2170	Similar results	
		2.34	2190		
	Camera velocity	Highest	2510		
		Average	2450		

TABLE VII

## Development of Velocity Screens and Higher Velocity Rod Guns

Welded and free plate rod guns; 1-1/2" wide, 1-1/2" deep, 20" long explosive column; 1/2" x 1/2" x 15" rods.

Rd. No.	Charge & Rod Configuration	Time Millsec.	Velocity Ft./Sec.	Flight	Rod & Fragment Data
A-1	Sandwich contact screens; 5' base line, 8' charge to screen distance; 2.6 - 2.7 lb. Comp. C-3; free plates	3.36	1490	Three rod group spreads & travels to one side, rotating in horizontal plane mostly	Intact, curved slightly. (App. (D), Fig. 31).
A-2	Same as above	2.87	1740	No rod hits on stop screen	
A-3	Same as above	2.72	1840	Good screen cuts. Similar results to first round	
A-4	Sandwich contact screens, approx. 5' base line, 35mm camera; 30' arena; 2.75 lb. Comp. C-3 welded plates	3.75 4.19 (camera)	1330 1190 2960	Center rod dropped approx. 2' and went to the left 4' over 30' distance; rod rotating; stop screen missed by rod; start screen 12' from charge. Rods missed sec. screen	Intact, curved (App. (D), Figs. 31 and 36).
A-5	Same as above. 2.6 lb. Comp. C-3	" "	Top rod Bottom rod	2780 2420	
A-6	Same as above. 2.675 lb. Comp. C-3	2.41 2.44 "	Center rod Top rod Bottom rod	2080 2050 2980 2890 2450	Similar results similar results as above.

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Free plate rod gun,  $1/2"$  wide,  $1-1/2"$  deep,  $12"$  long explosive column;  $12"$  backing rod; three  $1/2"$  x  $1/2"$  x  $7"$  rods.

Rd. No.	Charge & Rod Configuration	Time Millisees.	Velocity Ft./Sec.	Flight	Rod & Fragment Data (See App. (D). Fig. 31) Note wire markings on rod surface.
B-1	Piano wire break screens, approx. 5' screen distance, 2 sets of screens; $3/4$ lb. Comp. C-3	1) 2.90 2) 2.71	1720 1850		
B-2	Same as above	1) 2.98 2) 2.65	1660 1860		
B-3	Same as above with grid contact screens	1) -- 2) 2.74 2.78	-- 1800 1770	Slight tilting causing deviation from horizontal broadside flight at $12"$ from charge; dropping	Intact, straight.
B-4	Same as above with copper wire break screens	1) 4.25 2) 4.17	1180 1200		
B-5	Same as above	1) 3.15 2) 4.31	1590 1160		
B-6	Same as above	1) 2.96 2) --	1690 --		
B-7	Same as above	1) 3.86 2) 2.59	1300 1930		
B-8	Piano wire break screens	1) 2.81 2) .69	1780 ?	Screens have high retardation effect	
B-9	Grid screens	1) 2.72 2) 2.74 2.99	1840 1830 1670	Straight, level, broadside	Straight and intact.
				6000 ft./sec. 16mm. camera, 24; base line 1710	

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TABLE VII (Continued)

Weilded steel rod gun; 1/2" wide, 1-1/2" deep, 20" long explosive column, 1/2" x 1/2" x 15" rod.  
Approximately 5' screen distance, 2 sets of screens; 16mm cameras, 30' base line.

Rd. No.	Charge & Rod Configuration	Time Millisece.	Velocity Ft./Sec.	Flight		Rod & Fragment Data
				Straight, level, side	Straight, intact (App. (D), Fig. 29).	
C-1 .96 lb. Comp. C-3, grid screens	1) 2.58	1970	Straight, level, broad- side	Straight, intact (App. (D), Fig. 29).		
	1) 2.62	1940				
	2) 2.68	1960				
	Camera approx.	1800				
C-2 .96 lb., break screens	1) 2.88	1740	Vertical rotation over 30° base line, broadside	Straight, intact.		
	2) 4.08	1230				
	Camera approx.	1800				
C-3 Wire & foil contact screens	1) --	--	Straight, level, broad- side (vertical rotation over 30°)	Straight, intact.		
	2) 2.61	1920				
	2) 2.60	1910				
	Camera					
C-4 Grid screens	1) --	--	Straight, level, broad- side	Intact.		
	2) 2.58	1940				
	Camera	1925				
C-5 Grid screens (shielded)	1) 2.53	1980	Straight, level, broad- side	1-1/2" broke off one end.		
	1) 2.55	1980				
	2) 2.76	1810				
	Camera	1835				
C-6 Wire & foil contact screens	1) 3.02	1660	Straight, level, broad- side (for center piece 11" long)	1 piece 1" broke off one end, 2 pieces 1-1/2" long broke off the other end.		
	1) 3.04	1650				
	2) 2.73	1830				
	2) 2.72	1840				
C-7 .95 lb. Comp. C-3, Grid Wire & foil	1) 2.44	2050	Broadside, rotating	Slightly curved.		
	2) 3.46	1450	vertically	(App. (D), Fig. 30)		
	2) 3.50	1430		Marked 3/15		
	Camera (28° 10' baseline)	1910				

TABLE VII (Continued)

Welded steel rod gun,  $1\frac{1}{2}$ " wide,  $20^{\circ}$  long explosive column,  $1/2$ " x  $1/2$ " x  $15\frac{1}{2}$ " rod.  
Approximately 5' screen distance, 2 sets of screens; 16mm camera, 30° base line.

Rd. No.	Charge & Rod Configuration	Time Millisees.		Velocity Ft./Sec.	Flight	Rod & Fragment Data
		Grid 1)	Grid 2)			
C-8	.95 lb. Comp. C-3, $1\frac{1}{2}$ " depth.	2.43	2.44	2060	Broadside, rotating vertically	Slightly curved.
	Wire & foil	2.92	2.91	2050		
	Camera (28° 9" baseline)	1710		1935		
C-9	.95 lb., $1\frac{1}{2}$ " depth	2.88	2.89	1740	Broadside, rotating	Slightly curved.
	Wire & foil	2.54	2.55	1730		
	Camera (28° 8" baseline)	1970	1960	1905		
C-10	.6 lb., $1\frac{1}{2}$ " depth	2.74	2.76	1830	Broadside, rotating	In tact, curved slightly (App. D Fig. 30) Marked 3/14
	Wire & foil	2.71	2.71	1810		
	Camera (28° 8" baseline)	1850	1720			
C-11	.58 lb., $1\frac{1}{2}$ " depth	2.94	2.93	1680	Broadside, rotating	
	Wire & foil	2.93	2.93	1690		
	Camera (28° 9" baseline)	1655				
C-12	.65 lb., $1\frac{1}{2}$ " depth	2.72	2.73	1850	Broadside, rotating	
	Wire & foil	2.70	2.70	1880		
	Camera (28° 7" baseline)	1740				

TABLE VII (Continued)

Welded steel rod gun,  $1\frac{1}{2}$ " wide,  $\frac{3}{4}$ " deep, 20" long explosive column,  $1\frac{1}{2}$ " x  $1\frac{1}{2}$ " x 15" rods.  
Approximately 5' screen distance; 2 sets of screens, 16mm camera.

Rd. No.	Charge & Rod Configuration	Time Millsec.	Velocity Ft./Sec.	Flight	Rod & Fragment Data
D-1	.4 lb. Comp. C-3	Grid 1) 2.92 2.95 Wire & foil 2) 2.98 2.97 Camera (28" 10" baseline)	1710 1700 1680 1665	Broadside rotating in vertical plane	Curved, intact (App. (D), Fig. 30), marked 3/17.
D-2	.38 lb.	Grid 1) 2.95 2.97 Wire & foil 2) 3.01 3.01 Camera (28" 11" baseline)	1700 1680 1660 1560	Broadside rotating in vertical plane	Curved, intact.
D-3	.4 lb.	Grid 1) 2.95 2.97 Wire & foil 2) 3.03 3.03 Camera (28" 11" baseline)	1700 1680 1650 1580	Broadside rotating in vertical plane	Curved, intact.

TABLE VII (Continued)

Welded steel gun,  $1\frac{1}{2}$ " wide,  $1\frac{1}{2}$ " deep,  $20"$  long explosive column,  $1/2"$  x  $1/2"$  x  $15"$  rods.  
Approximately 5' screen distance; 2 sets of screens, 16mm camera.

Rd.	Charge & Rod Configuration	Time Millisec.	Velocity ft./Sec.	Flight	Rod & Fragment Data
E-1	.3 lb. Comp. C-3	Grid 1) 3.39 Wire & foil 2) 3.40 Camera (28: 8")	1480 1470 1460 1440 1400	Broadside rotating in vertical plane	Slightly curved, intact. (App. D), FIG. 30). Marked 3/20.
E-2	Same as above	Grid 1) --- Wire & foil 2) 3.38 Camera (28: 8")	--- 1480 1395	Broadside rotating in vertical plane	Slightly curved, intact.
E-3	Same as above	Grid 1) 3.22 Wire & foil 2) 3.26 Camera (28: 7")	1550 1530 1510 1560	Broadside rotating in vertical plane	Slightly curved, intact.
E-4	.29 lb.	Grid 1) 3.42 Wire & foil 2) 3.45 Camera (28: 7")	1460 1450 1370	Broadside rotating in vertical plane	Slightly curved, intact. Marked 3/21.
E-5	.3 lb.	Grid 1) --- Wire & foil 2) 3.44 Camera (28: 8")	--- 1450 1400	Broadside rotating in vertical plane	Slightly curved, intact.
E-6	.3 lb.	Grid 1) 3.45 Wire & foil 2) 3.37	1450 1480	Broadside rotating in vertical plane	Slightly curved, intact.

TABLE VIII

## Target Shots with Standard Velocity Rod Guns

Welded steel rod gun,  $1\frac{1}{2}$ " wide, 20" long explosive column,  $1\frac{1}{2}$ " x  $1\frac{1}{2}$ " x 15" rods.  
 5' screen distance, grid contact screens.

Rd. No.	Charge & Rod Configuration	Time Millisec.	Velocity Ft./Sec.	Flight	Rod & Fragment Data	Target Data
A-1	$1\frac{1}{2}$ " depth, .29 lb. Comp. C-3	1) 3.50 2) 3.53 3) 4.55 2) 4.66	1430 1420 — —	Broadside, rotating vertically	1020 steel; curved (App. D) Fig. 30). Marked 3/22-A (App. C), Fig. 18).	$1\frac{1}{4}$ " x 36" x 36" mild steel plate, marked 3/22-B (App. C), Fig. 18).
A-2	$3\frac{1}{4}$ " depth, .43 lb. Comp. C-3	1) 2.92 1) 2.94 2) 3.01 2) 3.02	1710 1700 1660 1660	Broadside, rotating in vertical plane	1020 steel; slightly curved. Marked 3/22-B	Same, 3/22-B

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Welded steel rod gun,  $1\frac{1}{2}$ " wide,  $1\frac{1}{2}$ " wide,  $20^{\prime\prime}$  long explosive column,  $1\frac{1}{2}$ "  $\times$   $1\frac{1}{2}$ "  $\times$   $15^{\prime\prime}$  rods,  $5^{\prime\prime}$  screen distance.

Rd.	Charge & Rod No.	Configuration	Time Millisec.	Velocity Ft./Sec.	Flight	Rod Date	Target Data
B-1	.87 lb. Comp. C-3, grid screen	1) 2.48 2) 2.46 2) 2.50 2) 2.51	2020 2030 2020 1990	Consistently broadside	1020 steel; slightly curved. (App. (D) FIG. 30) Marked 3/23-C.	1/4" $\times$ 36" $\times$ 36" mild steel plate, marked 4/23-3 (app. (C), FIG. 18).	
B-2	.92 lb.	1) -- 2) 2.56 2) 2.55	-- 1950 1960	Intact, straight (App. (D), FIG. 37) Marked 3/28-1	1/4" $\times$ 36" $\times$ 36" mild steel plate, marked 3/28-2 (App. (C), FIG. 22).		
B-3	.87 lb.	1) 2.39 2) 2.43 2) 2.51	2090 2050 1990	Marked 3/28-2	5/8" $\times$ 36" $\times$ 36" mild steel plate, marked 3/31-1 (App. (C), FIG. 18).		
B-4	.9 lb.	1) -- 2) 2.45	-- 2040	Slightly curved, tilted.	1/4" $\times$ 36" $\times$ 36" mild steel on edge, end hit by rod 1" wide, 5/8" deep, marked 3/31-2 (App. (C), FIG. 23 and 24).		
B-5	.92 lb.	1) -- 2) 2.61	-- 1920	Slightly curved, tilted	5/8" $\times$ 36" $\times$ 36" mild steel on edge, center hit 1" wide, 3/8" deep, marked 3/31-2 (App. (C), FIG. 23 and 24).		
B-6	.91 lb.		1980±50		1/4" $\times$ 36" $\times$ 36" STB (rod hit 5" from end) 1/2" wide 1/2" deep.		
B-7	.935 lb.	1) 2.52 2) 2.56	1980 1970 1950	Straight, tilted	5/8" $\times$ 36" $\times$ 36" STB (end hit by rod) 1/2" wide, 1/4" deep.		

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Welded steel rod gun,  $1\frac{1}{2}$ " wide, 1" deep, 20" long explosive column,  $1\frac{1}{2}'' \times 1\frac{1}{2}'' \times 15''$  rods.  
5" screen distance, grid contact screens.

Rd.	Charge & Rod No.	Charge & Rod Configuration	Time Millisec.	Velocity Ft./Sec.	Flight	Rod & Fragment Data	Target Data
C-1	.6 lb. Comp. C-3	Approximately		1850	Broadside		$1\frac{1}{4}'' \times 36'' \times 36''$ mild steel plate, marked 3/28-3, (App. (C), Figs. 19 & 20).
C-2	.68 lb.		2.74	1830	Broadside		Same. Marked 3/29-4.
C-3	.63 lb.	Approximately		1850	Broadside	(App. (D), Fig. 37) Marked 4/4-1	3 plates 1" apart. $1\frac{1}{4}''$ mild steel plates and $1\frac{1}{8}''$ mild steel plate, penetrated, $1\frac{1}{8}''$ mild steel plate not penetrated. Marked 4/4-1 (App. (C), Figs. 16 and 17).

TABLE VIII (Continued)

Welded steel rod gun 1/2" wide, 1-1/2" deep, 20" long explosive column, 1/2" x 1/2" x 15" rods,  
5' screen distance.

Rod No.	Charge & Rod Configuration	Time Millisec.	Velocity Ft./Sec.	Flight	Rod Data	Target Data
D-1 .9 lb. Comp. C-3 (longer charge to screen distance.)	approx.	1900	Turning	1085 rod as rec'd Rockwell B-78	3/8" x 36" x 36" mild steel plate on edge, 3/8" deep, 5/8" wide, marked 4/7-1 (App. (C), Figs. 23 & 24).	
D-2 .9 lb.	1) 2.76 2) 2.72 2) 2.71	1870 1860 1840 1850	Broadside	Oil quenched from 1500°F., no draw. Rockwell C-36, straight (broke on hitting)	Same, 1" deep, 3/4" wide, marked 4/7-2 (App. (C), Figs. 22, 23 and 24).	
D-3 .9 lb.	1) 2.66 1) 2.69 2) 2.65	1880 1860 1890	Broadsides, rotating	Oil quenched from 1500°F., no draw. Rockwell C-40	Same, 5/8" deep, 3/4" wide, marked 4/7-3 (App. (C), Figs. 22, 23 and 24).	
D-4 .89 lb.	1) 2.66 1) 2.67 2) 2.69	1880 1870 1860	Broadsides, rotating	Oil quenched, 1085 rod, center hit. (App. (D), Fig. 37) Marked 4/10-1.	1/2" x 18" x 30" 24S-T4 aluminum plate on edge, 1-1/8" wide, 2" deep, marked 4/10-1 (App. (C), Fig. 25).	
D-5 .89 lb.	1) 2.64 1) 2.67 2) 2.71	1900 1870 1850	Broadsides, rotating	Oil quenched, 1085 rod, end hit.	Same, 1/2" wide, 1/2" deep, marked 4/10-2.	

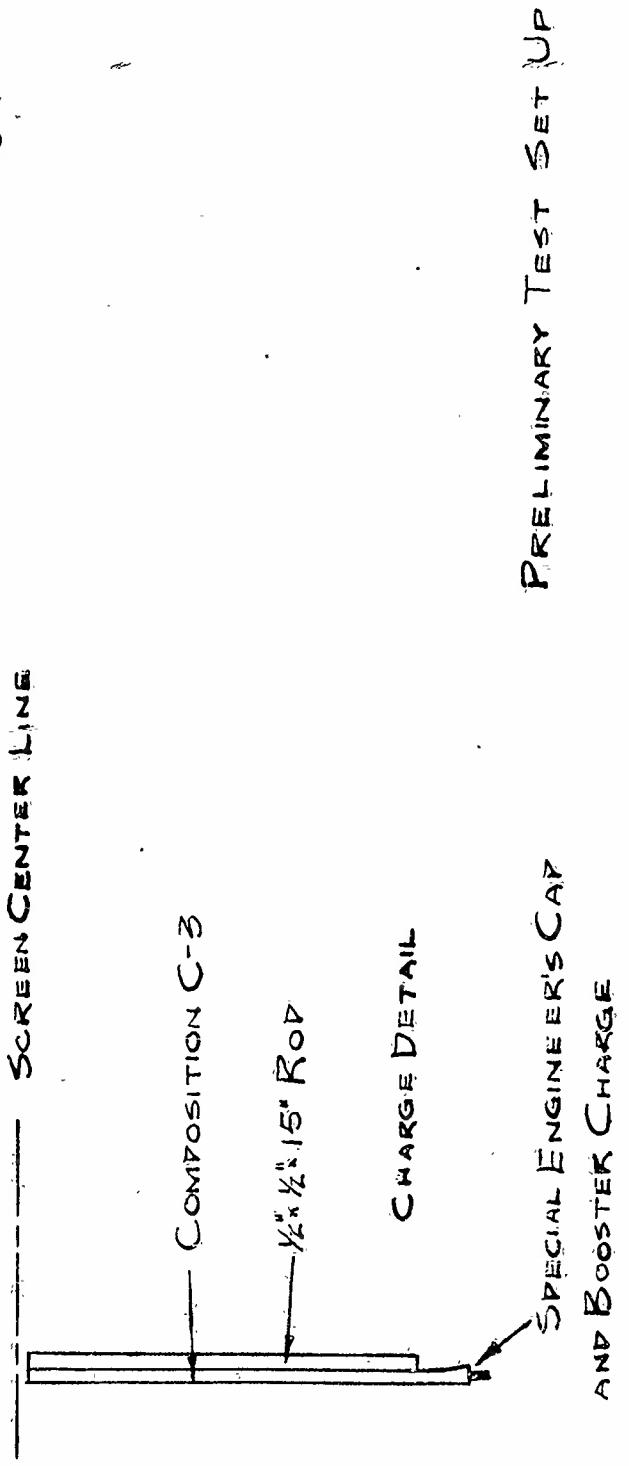
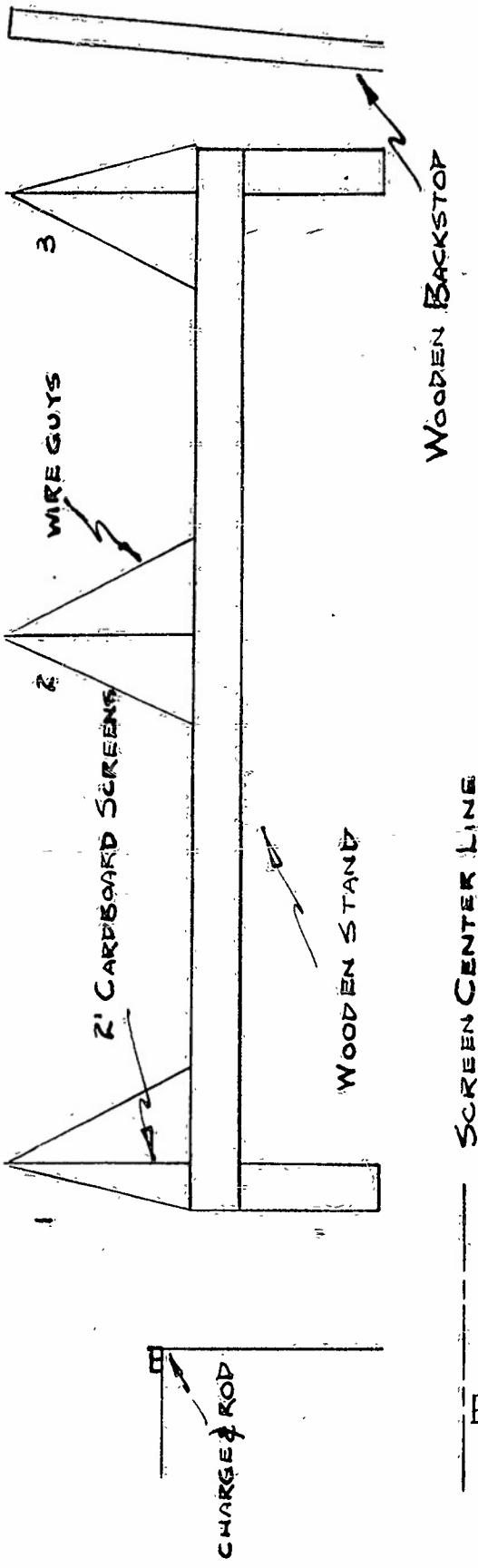


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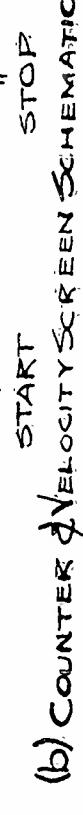
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FIGURE Z

(a) SCHEMATIC OF SANDWICH CONTACT SCREEN



Each Held By PAPER TAPE  
At Edges

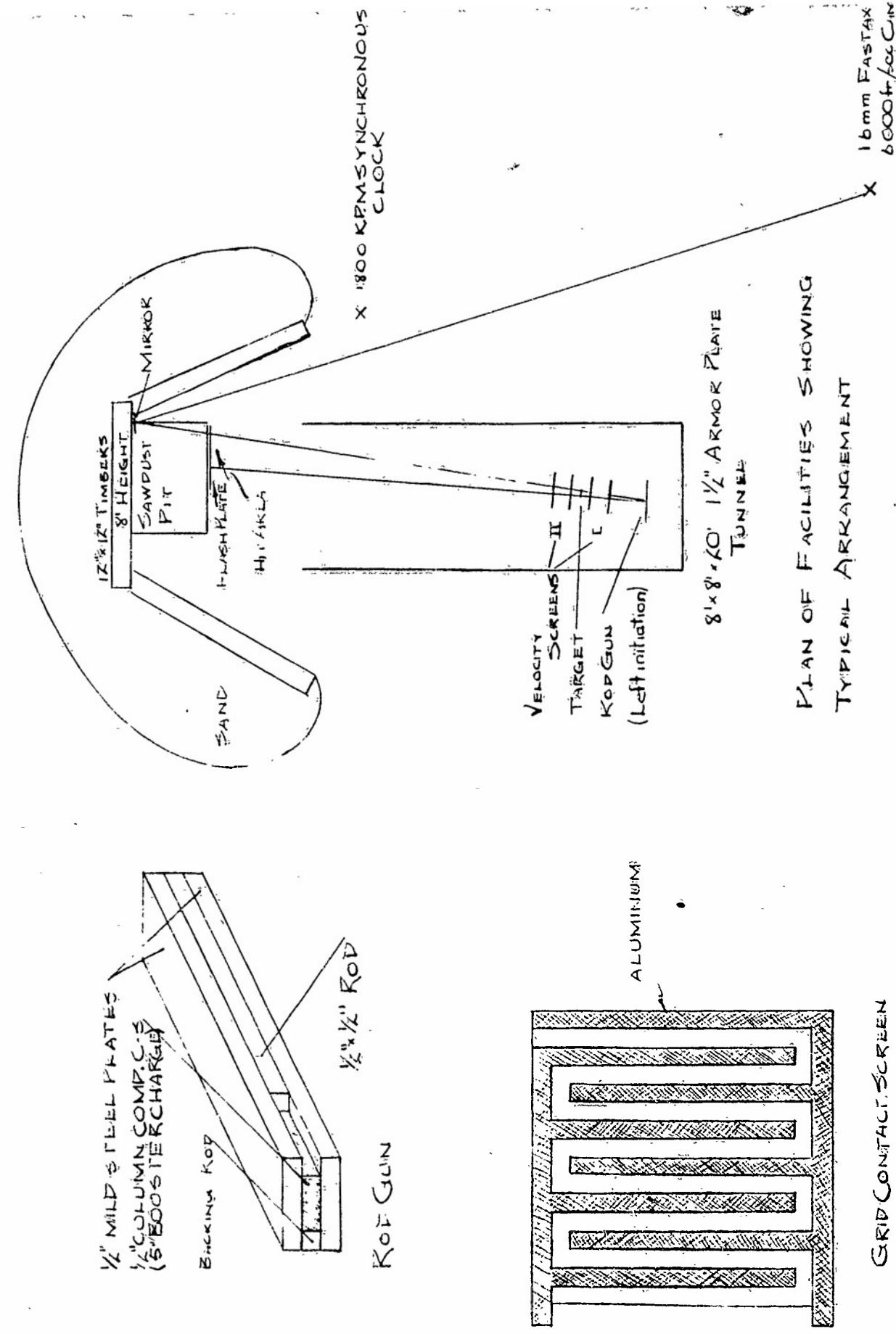
- 1) 16" X 2' CARDBOARD
- 2) .005" ALUMINUM FOIL
- 3) HEAVY KRAFT PAPER
- 4) .005" ALUMINUM FOIL

(b) COUNTER & VELOCITY SCREEN SCHEMATIC

START STOP

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FIGURE 3



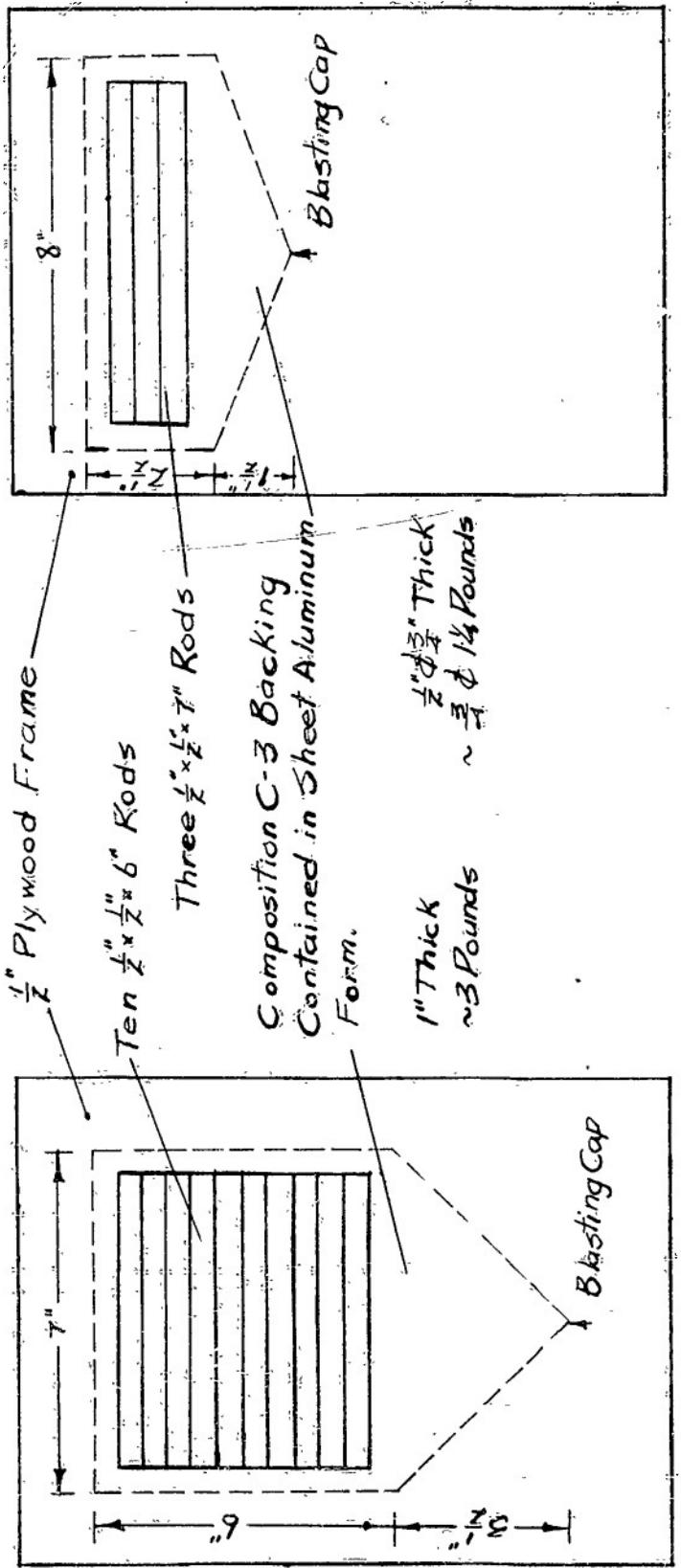
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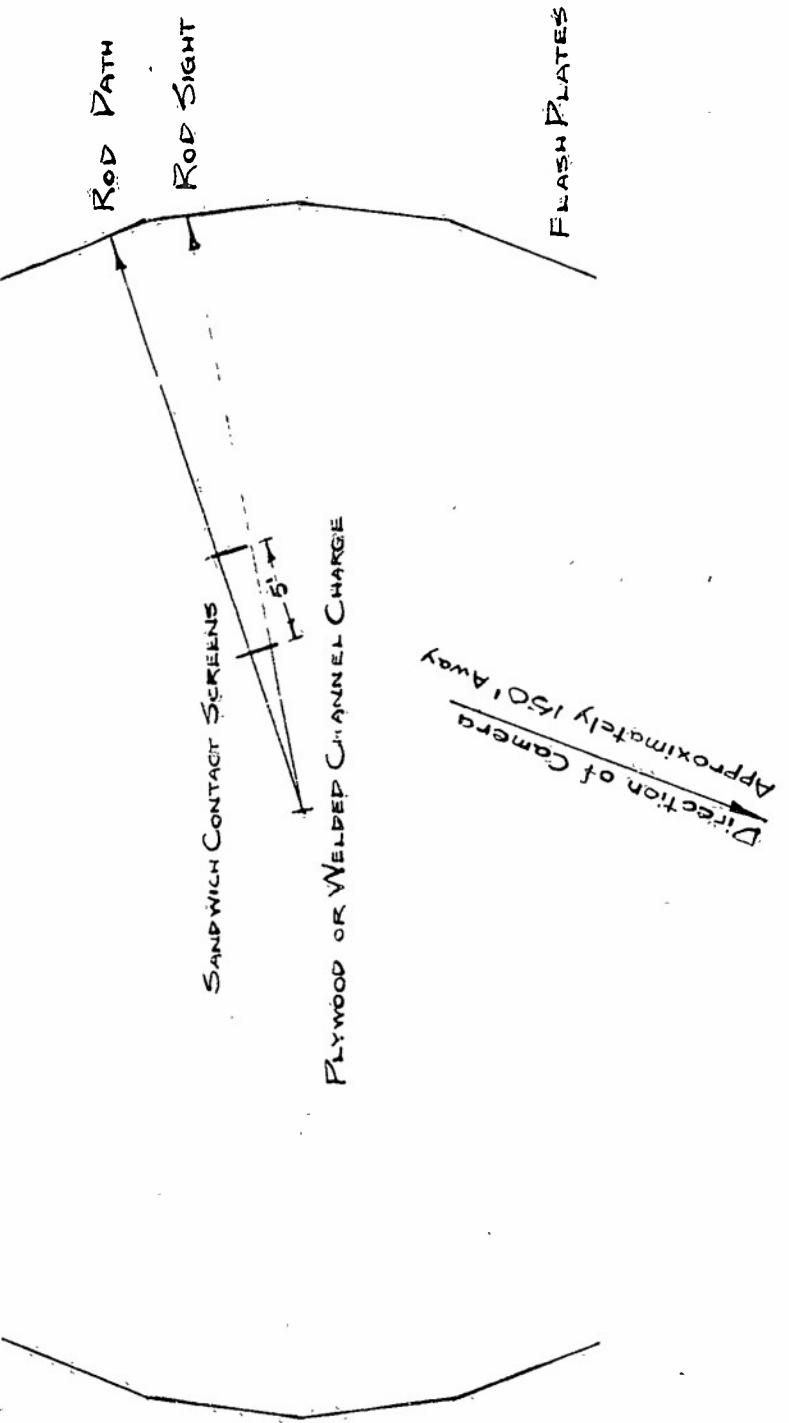
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FIGURE 4

Rods In Flat Plate Configuration



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FIGURE 5

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1/2" 24S-T4 Aluminum Plate.  
Figure 6

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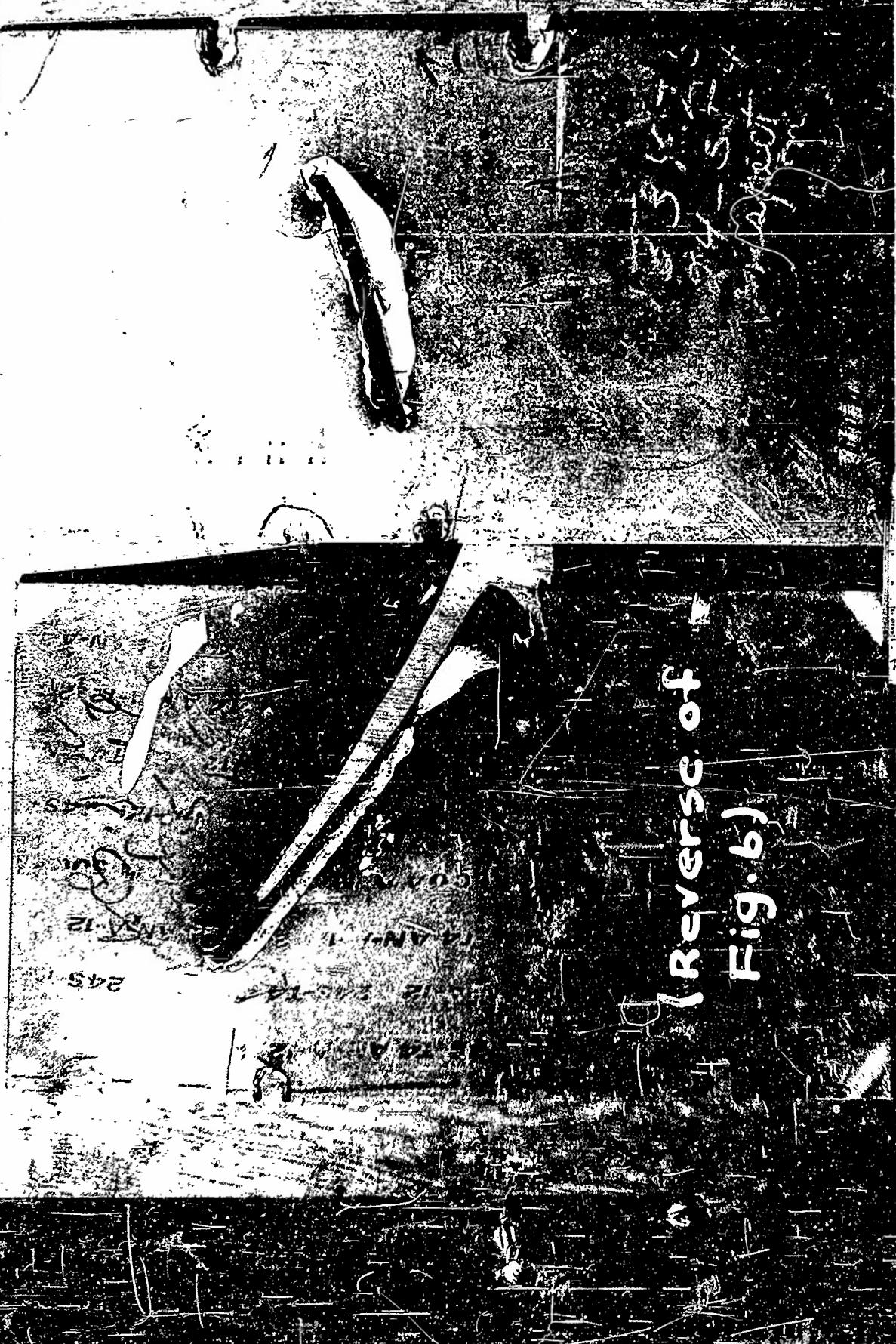


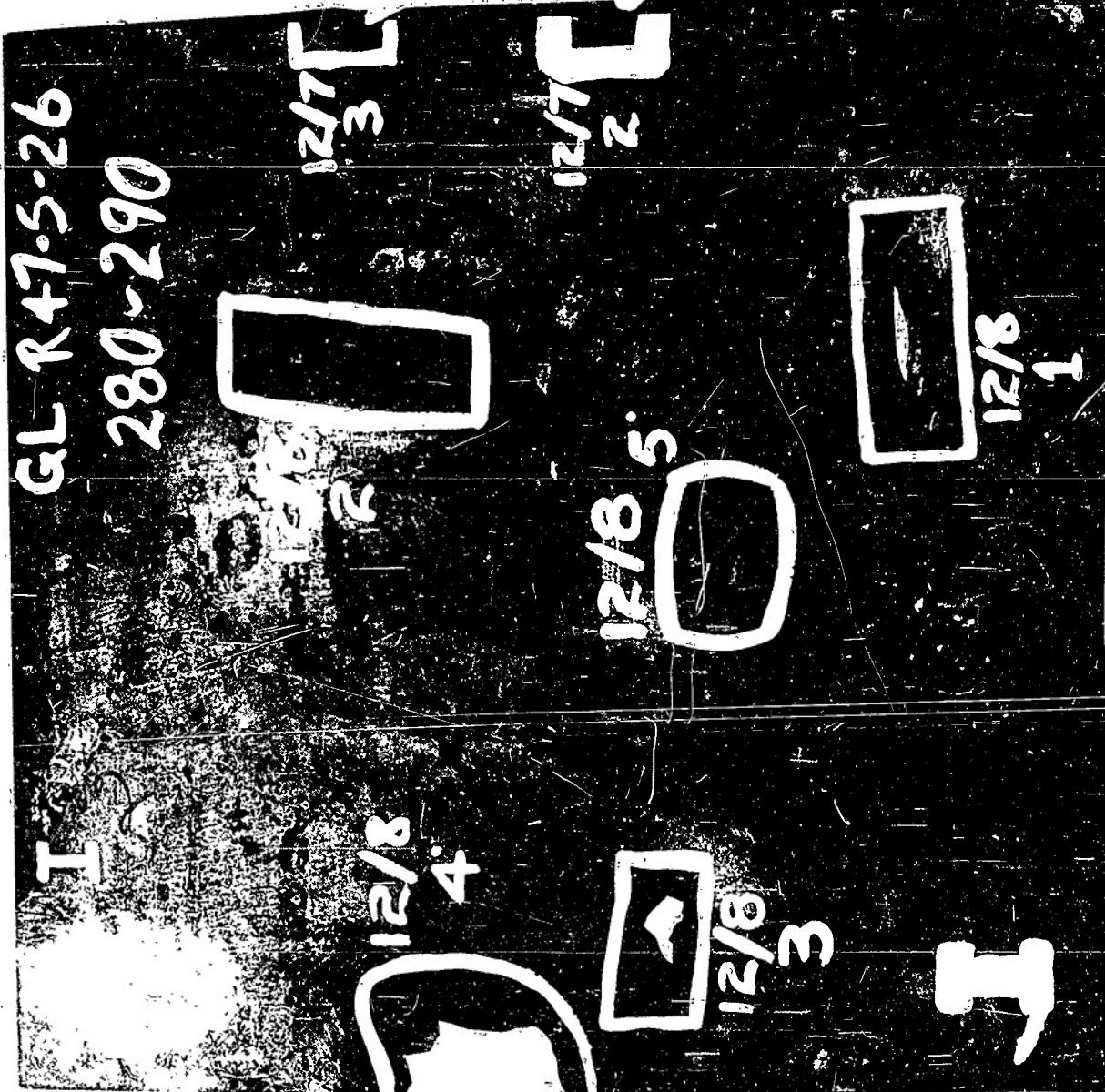
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1/2" 24S-TH Aluminum Plate.

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3/8" STS Plate.

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3/8" glass plate.

Figure 9

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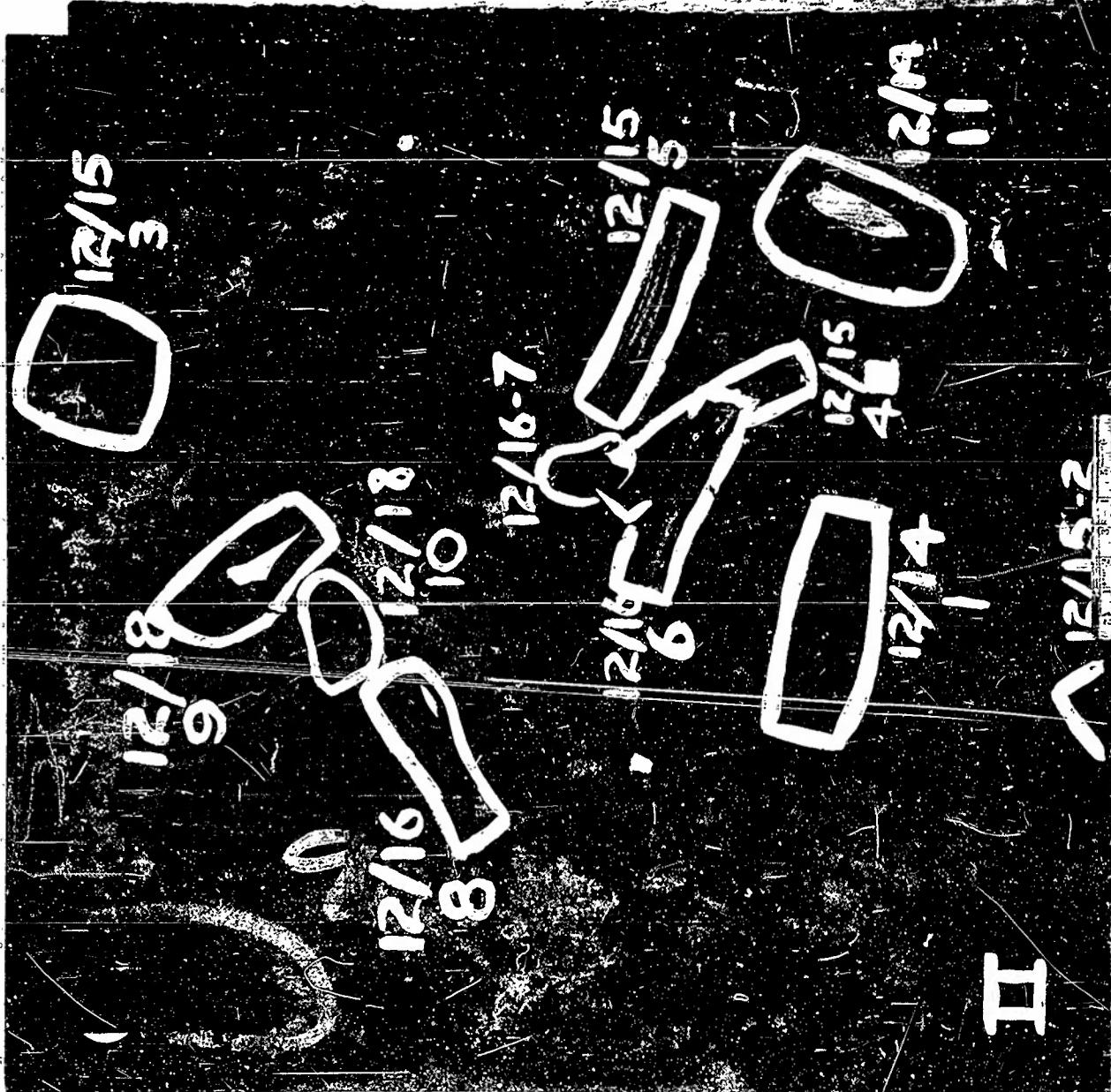
I (Reverse)

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3/8" Mild Steel Plate.  
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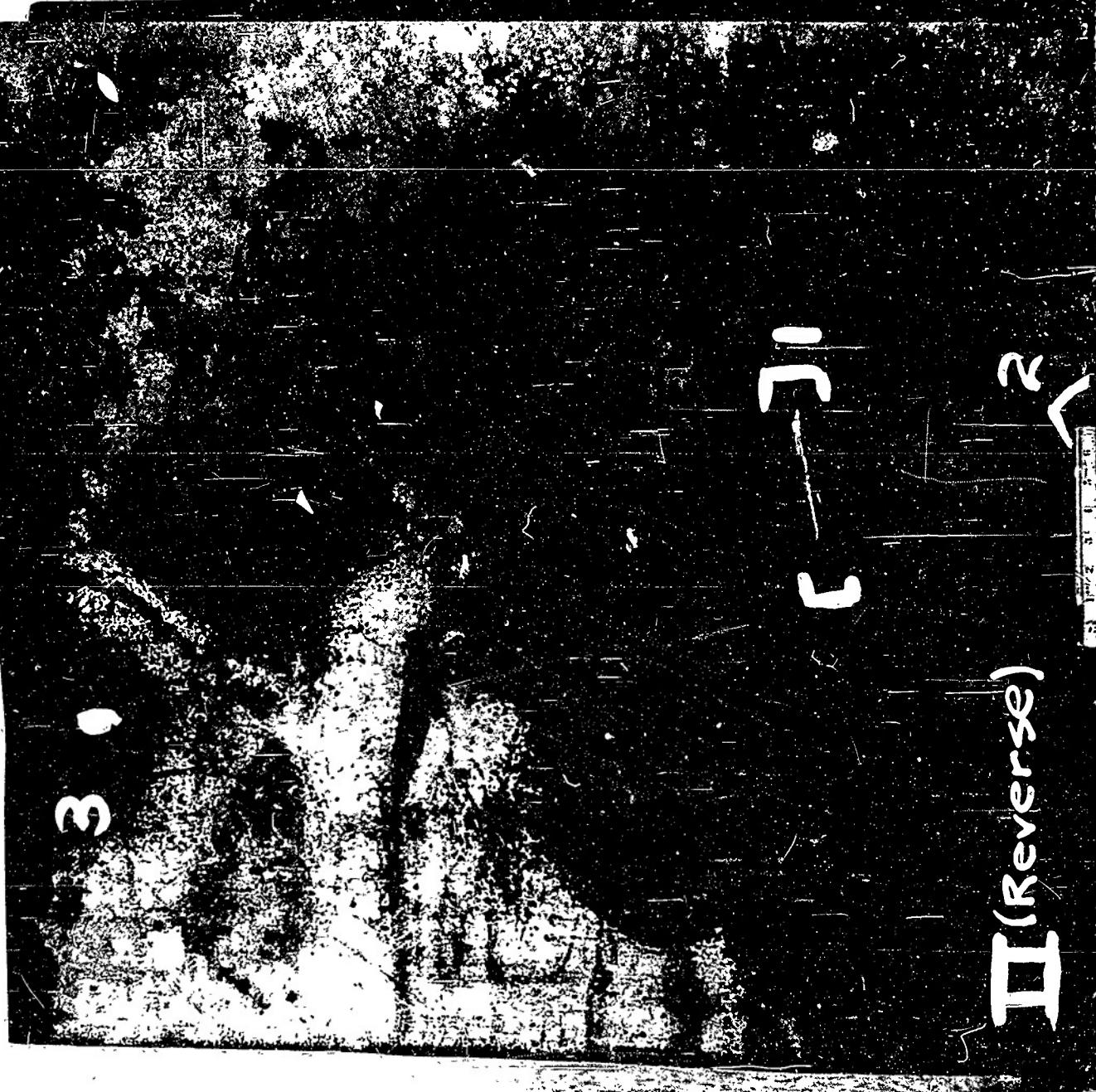
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3/8" Mild Steel Plate.  
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II (Reverse)

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1/4" Mild Steel Plate.

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1/4" Mild Steel Plate.

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Figure 13

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3/8" Mild Steel Plate.  
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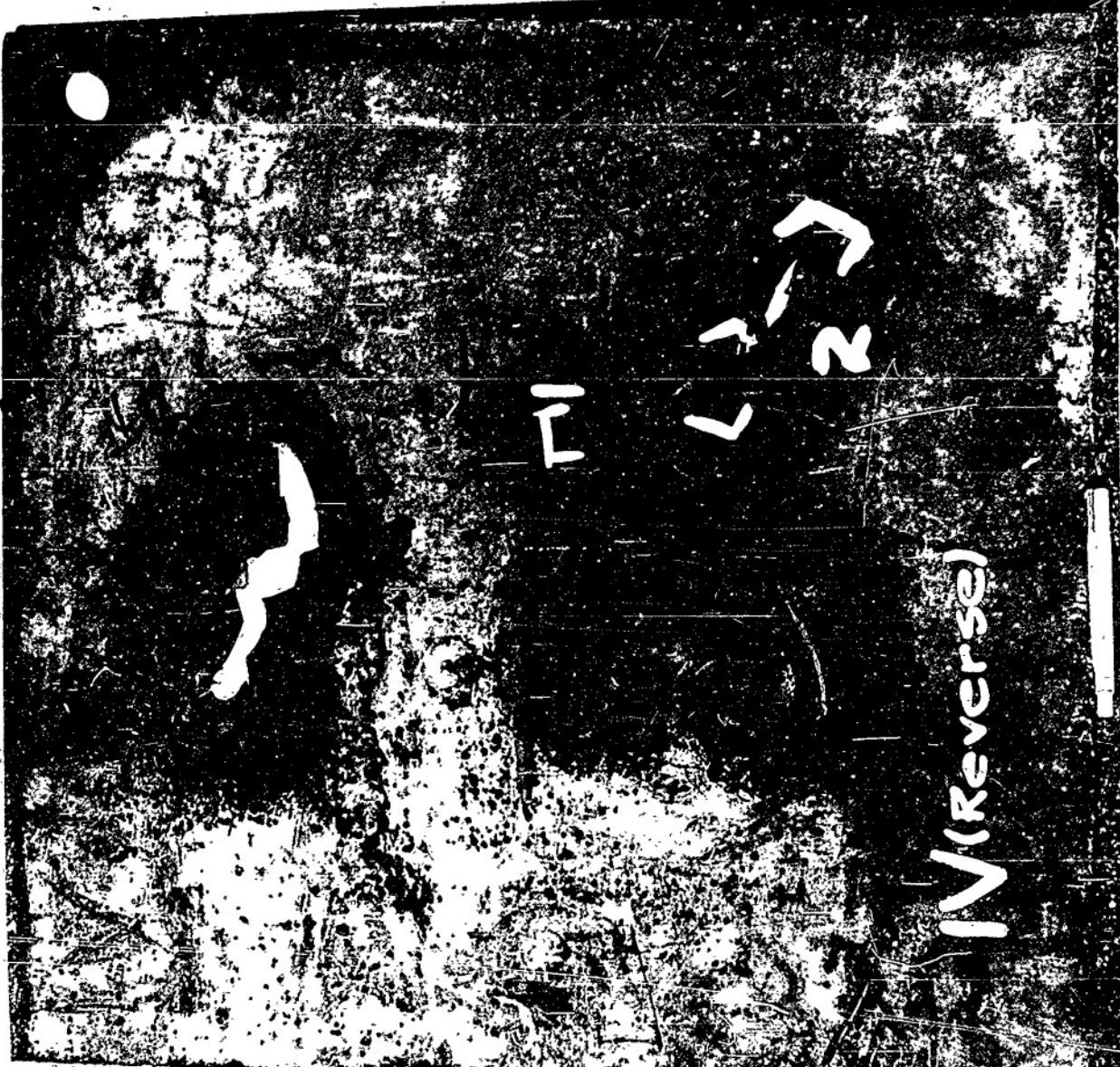
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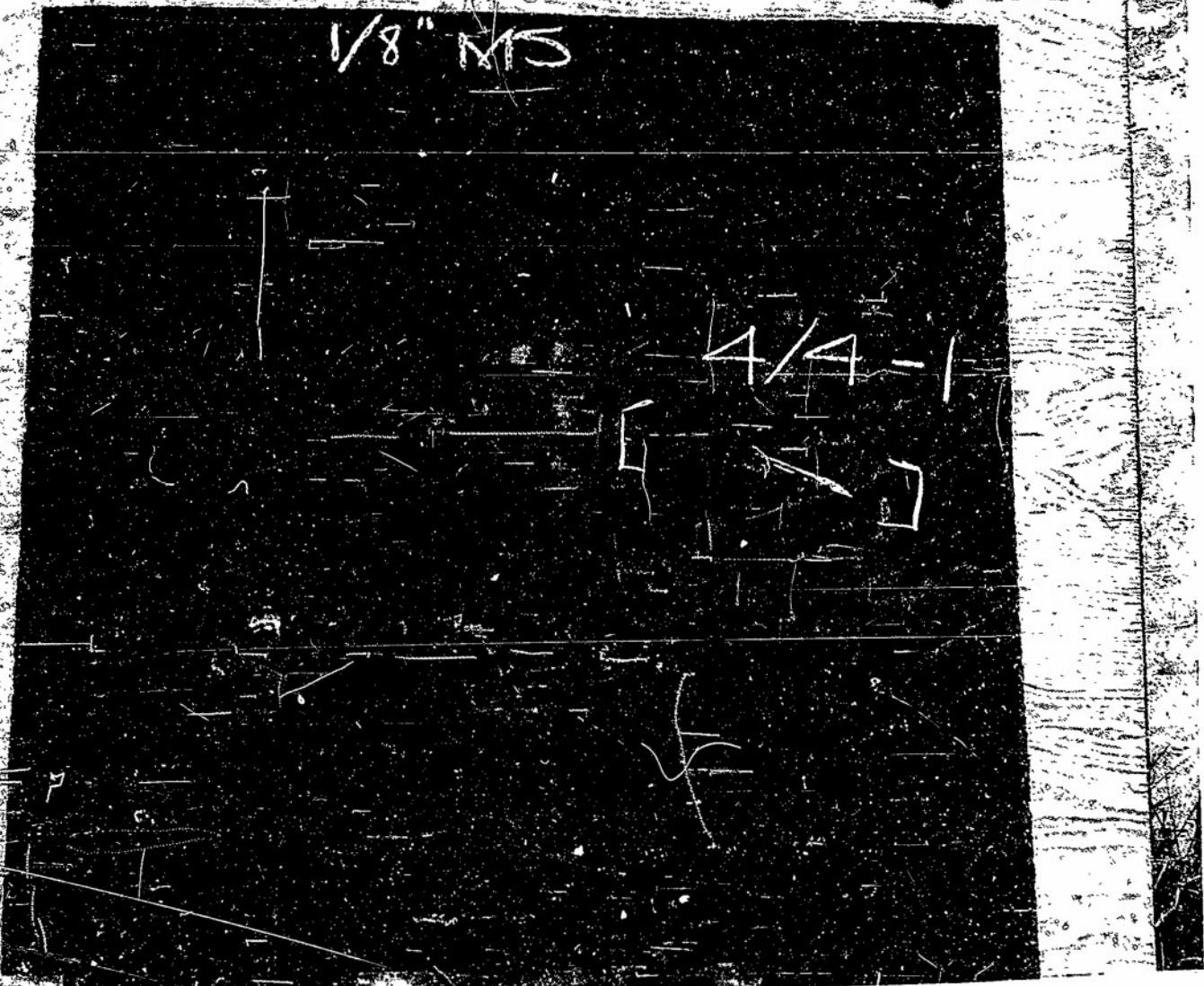
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3/8" Mild Steel Plate.  
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V(Reverse)

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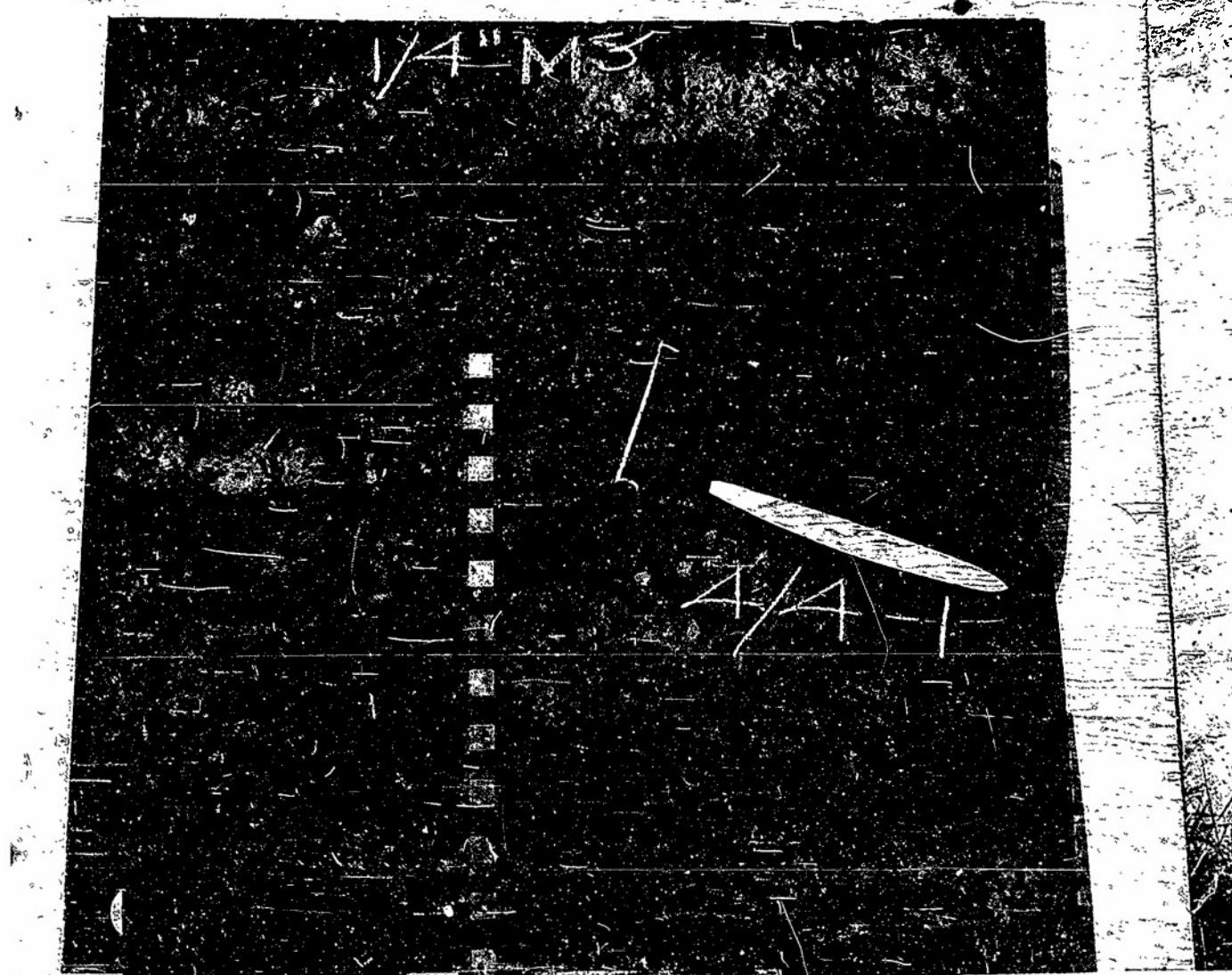


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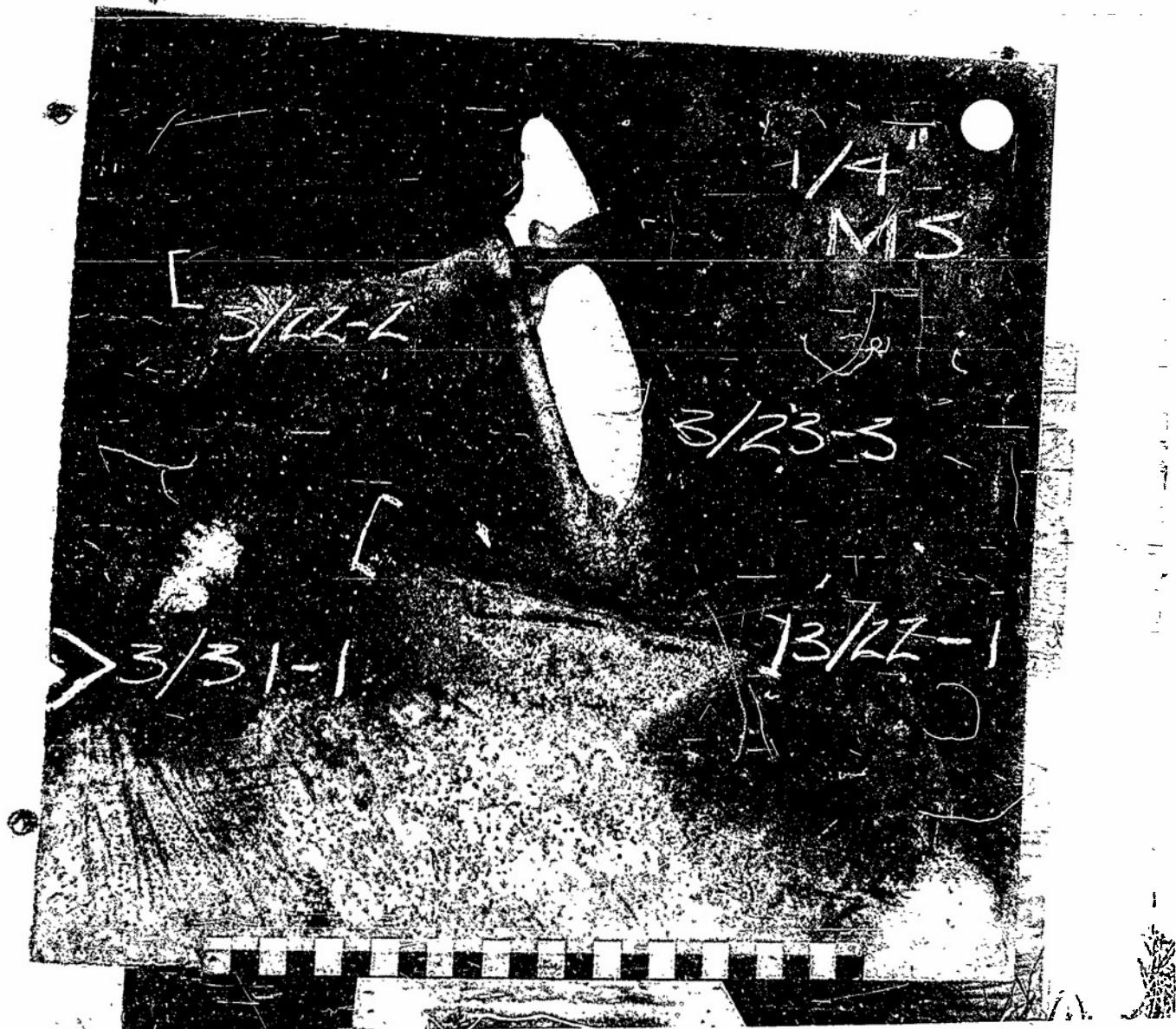


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Figure 17



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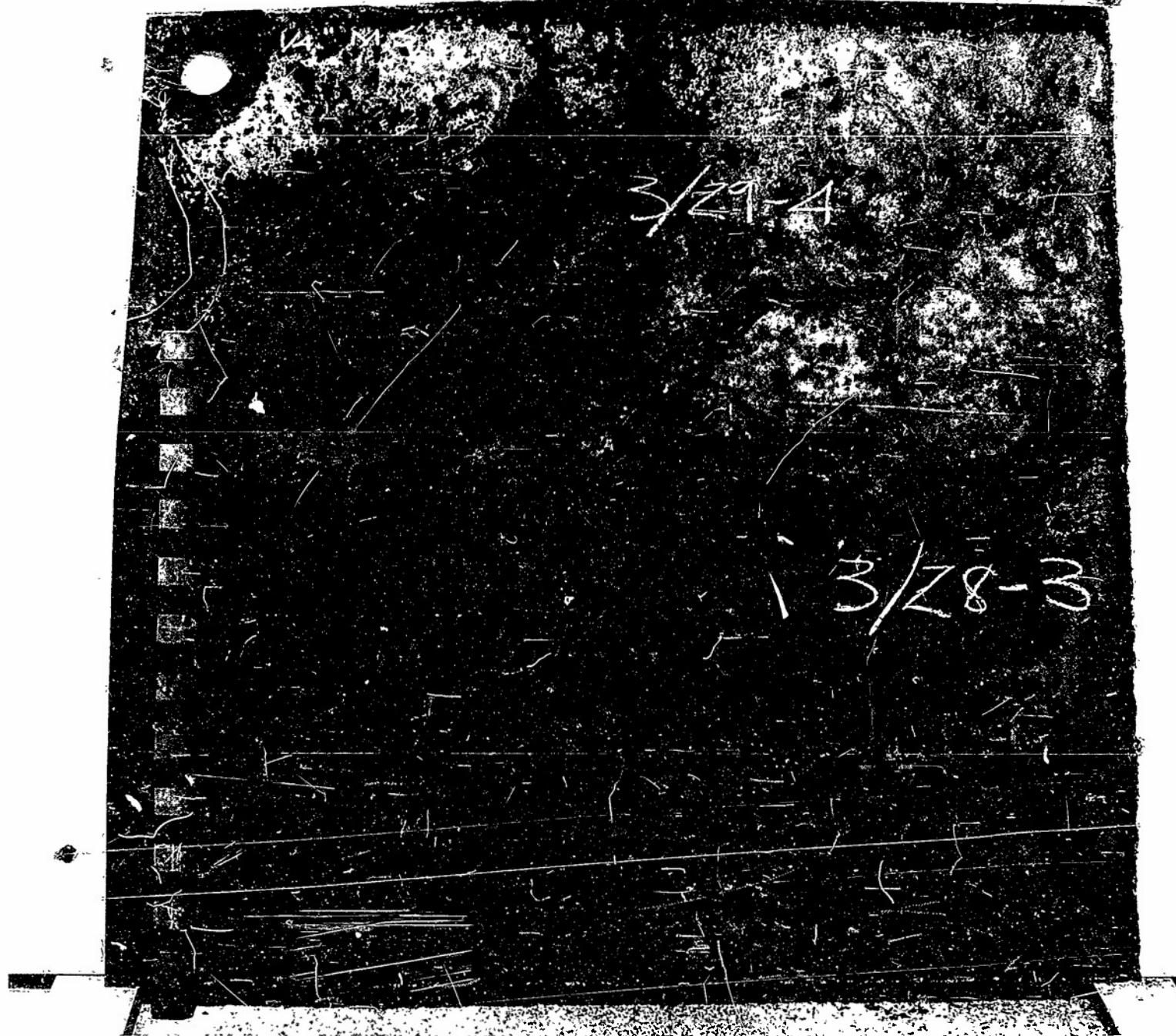


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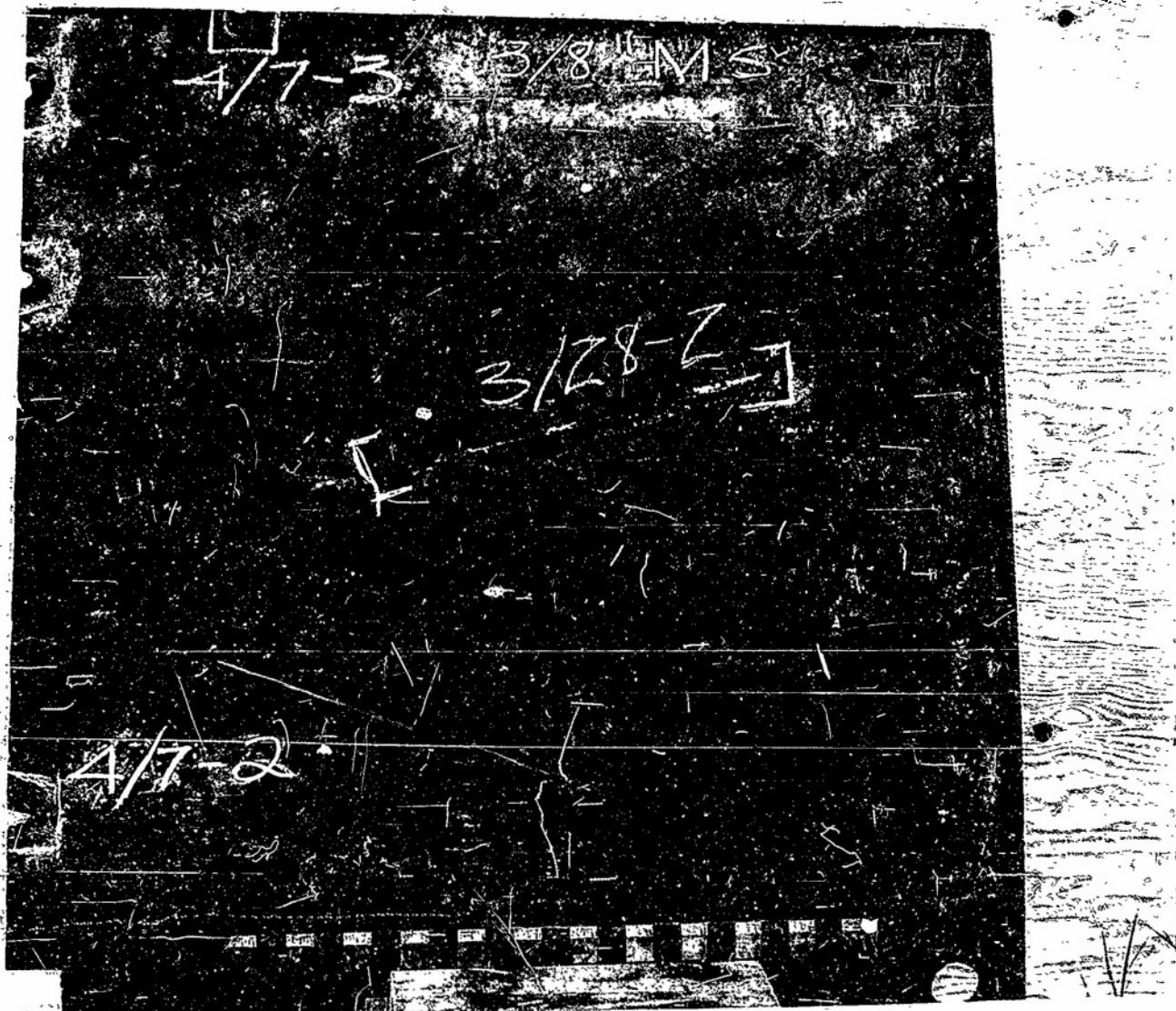


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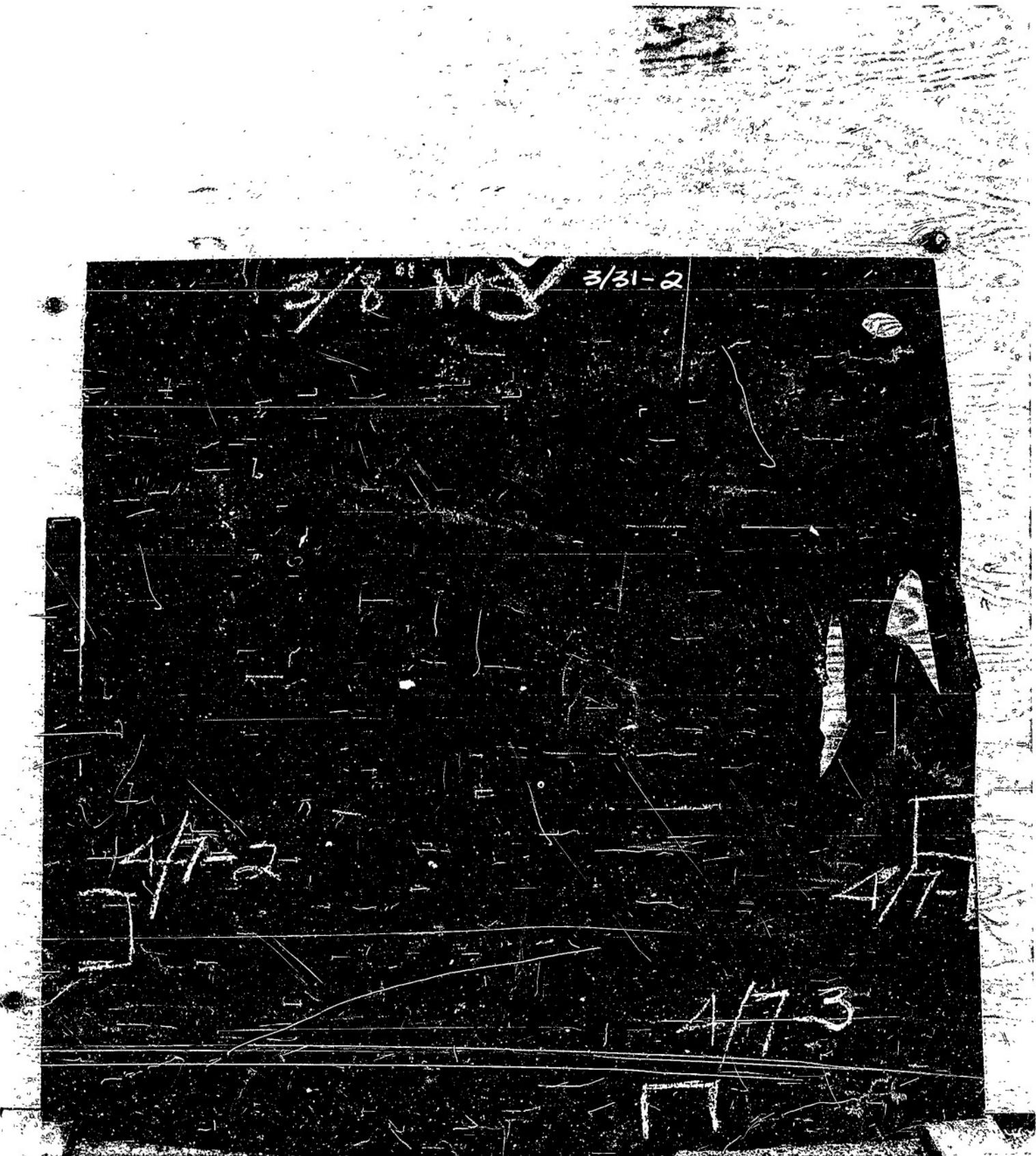


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Figure 23



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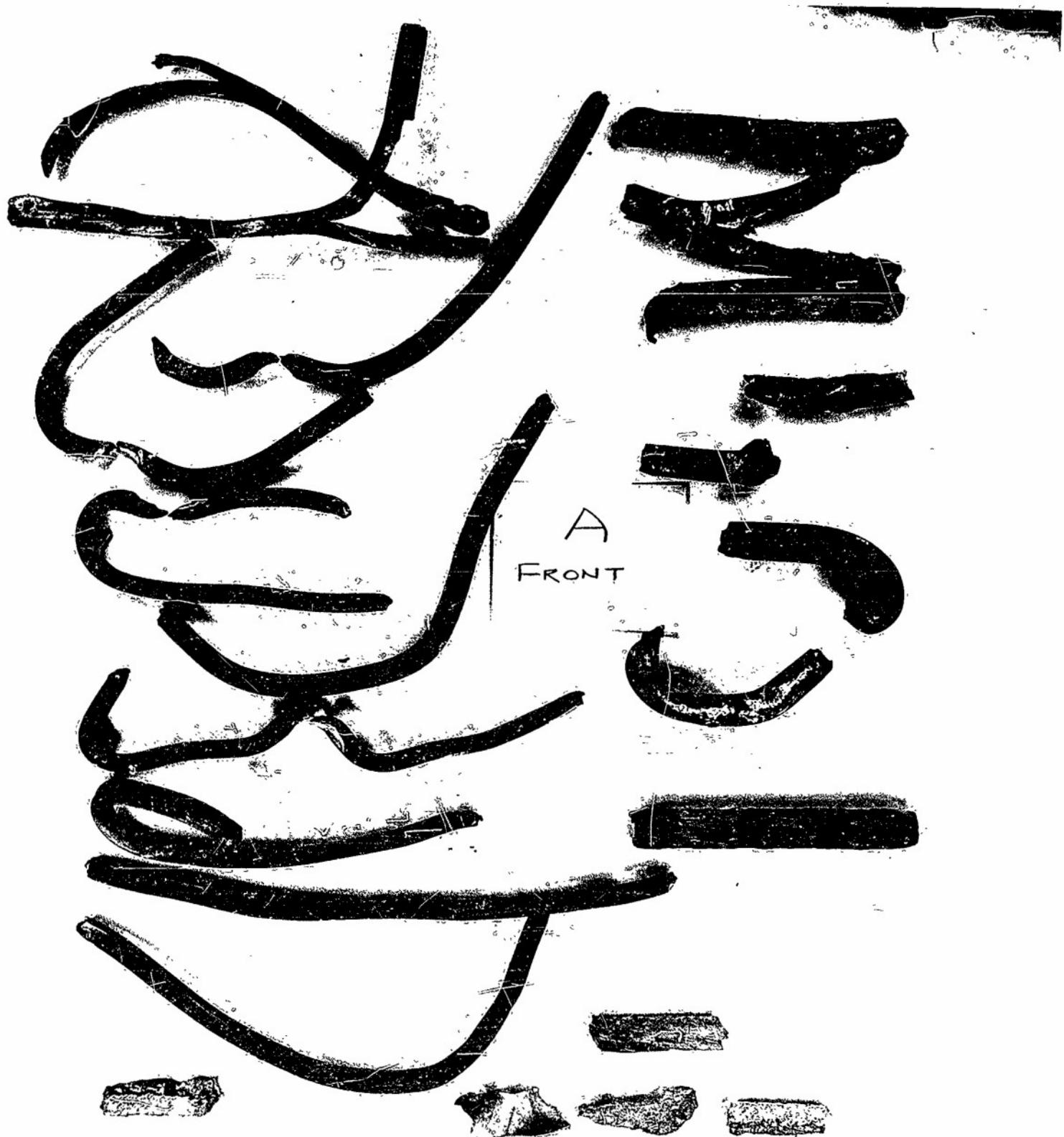


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Figure 25



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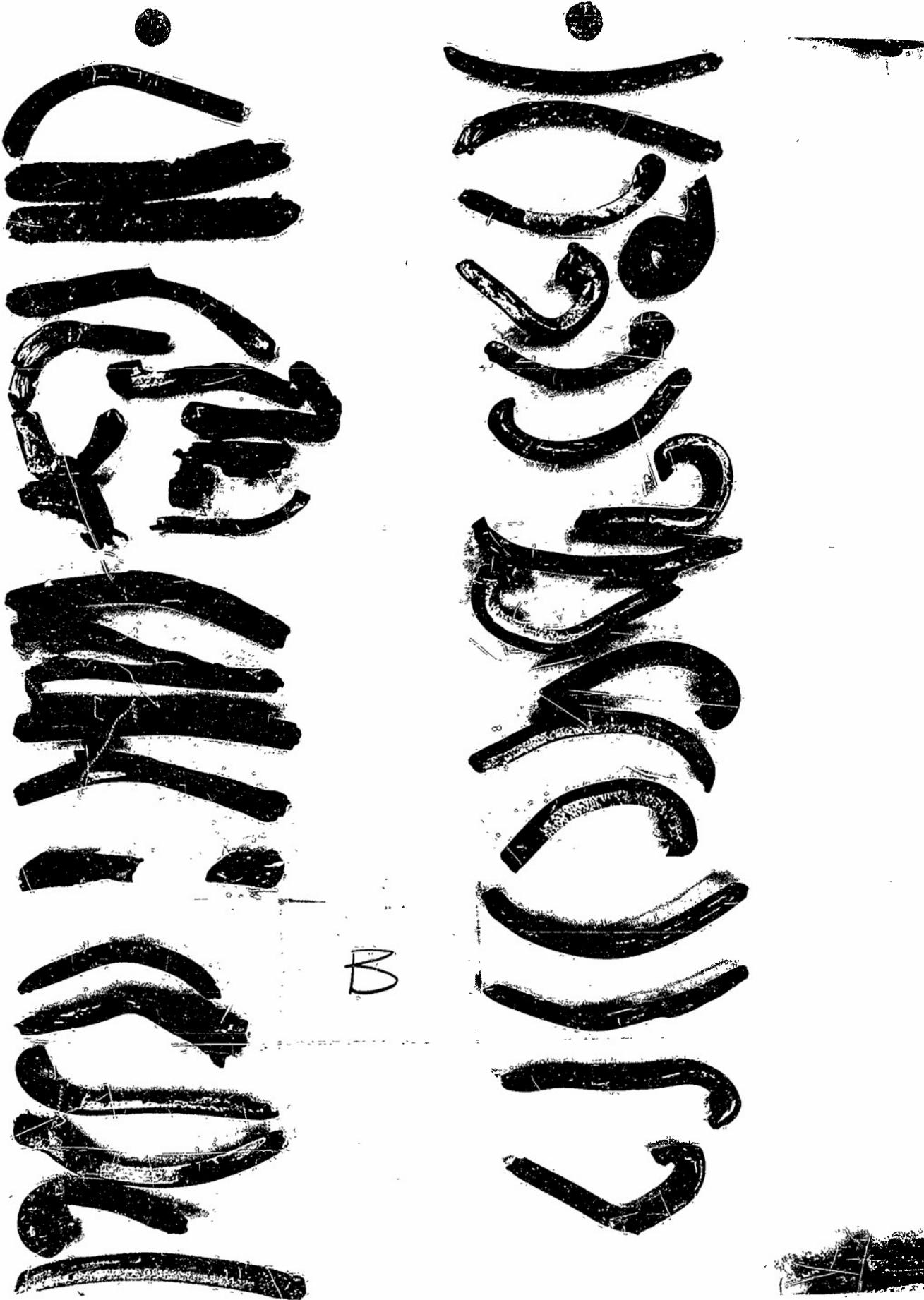


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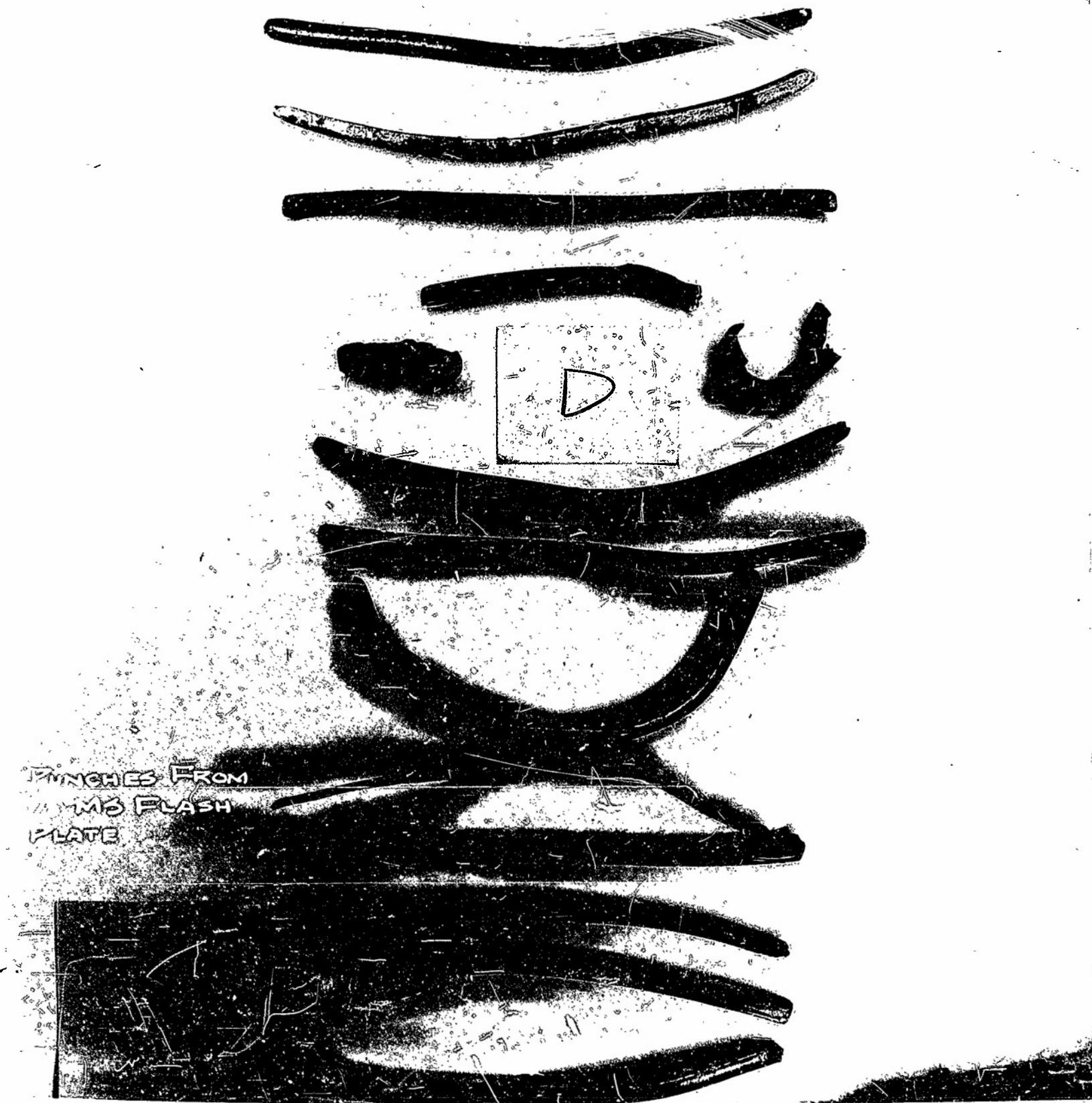


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Figure 31



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Typical Free Plate Rod Gun Fragments.  
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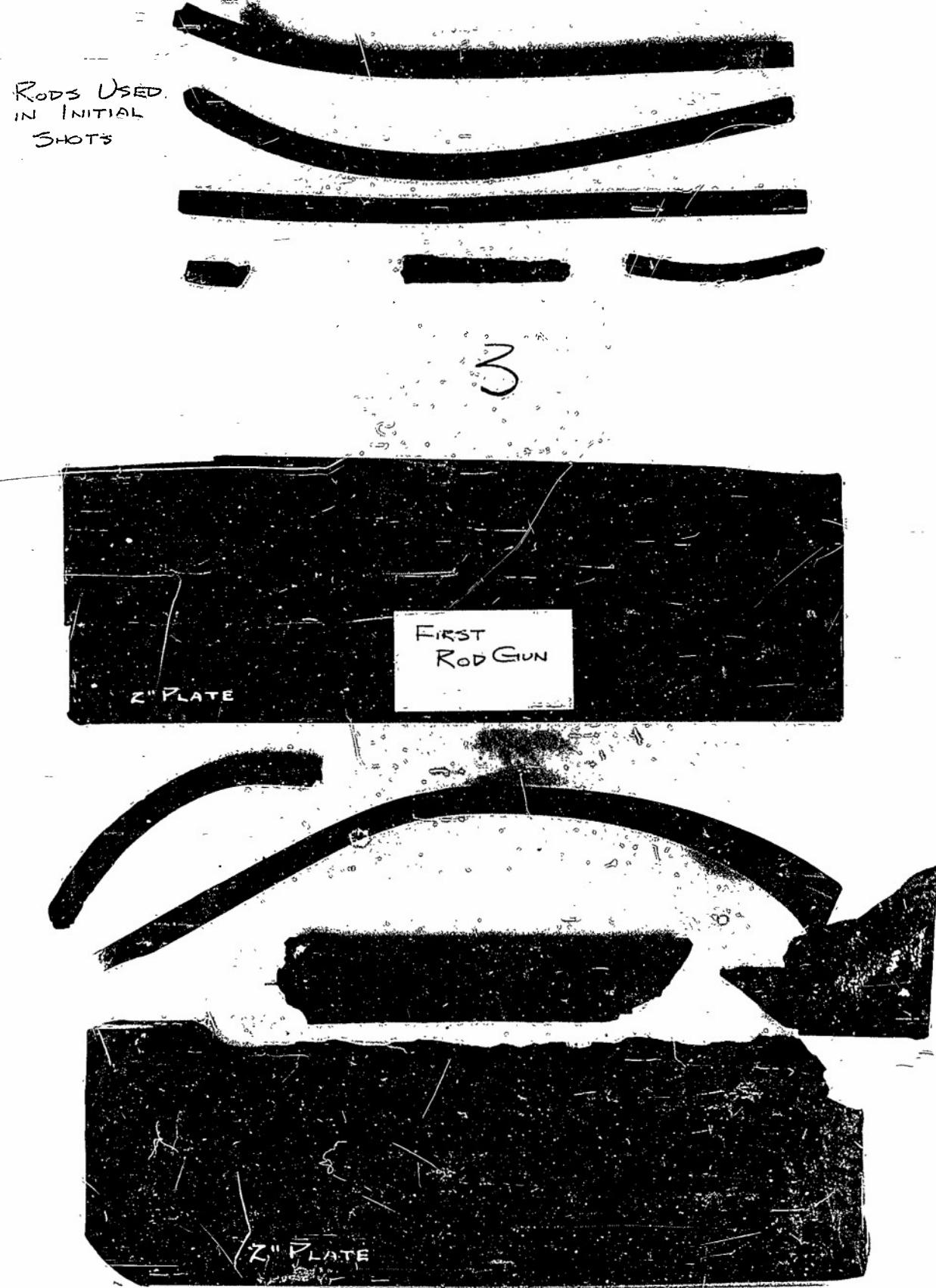
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Figure 33

RODS USED  
IN INITIAL  
SHOTS



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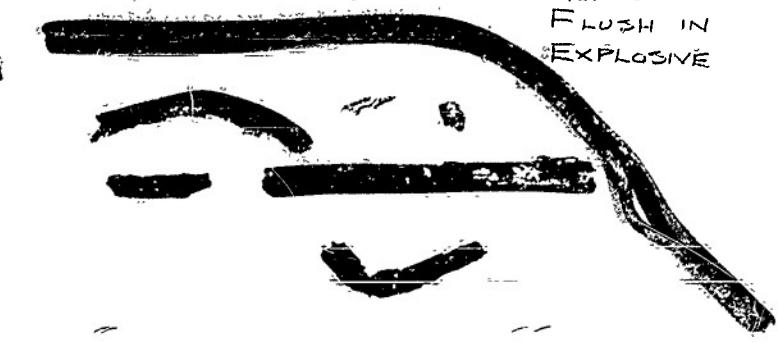
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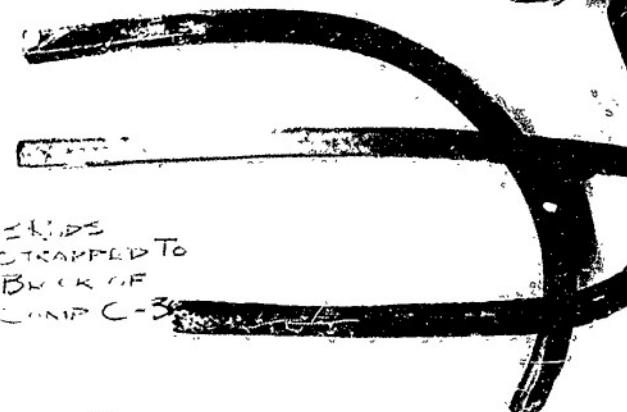
JUMBLE ROD  
STRAPPED TO  
C-3  
BLOCK



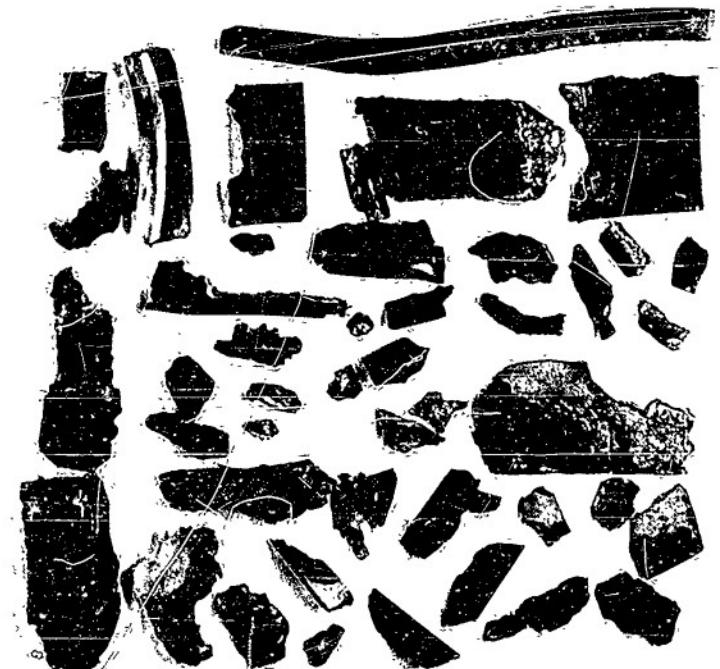
ROD SET  
FLUSH IN  
EXPLOSIVE



ENDS  
STRAPPED TO  
BLOCK OF  
COMP C-3



K-L GUN  
 $\frac{1}{2}'' \times 1.5 \times 30''$   
C-3  
SPLIT HEDGED STEEL



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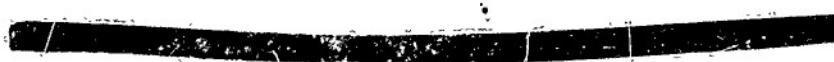
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Figure 35

15 1/2 x 20  
COMP C-3  
1090 STREK  
3 RODS STRAPPED  
TO BLOCK



15 x 21 x 20  
COMP C-3  
3 RODS



15 x 21 x 20  
COMP C-3  
SKIDS



15 x 21 x 20  
COMP C-3  
3 RODS



15 x 21 x 20  
COMP C-3  
3 RODS



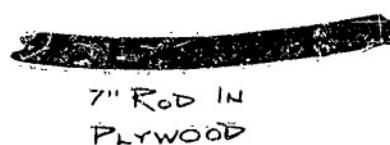
15 x 21 x 20  
COMP C-3  
3 RODS



KIDS SHOT  
FROM PLYWOOD  
+ FRAME



1.5x1.5x20  
WELDED  
STREK RG



7" ROD IN  
PLYWOOD



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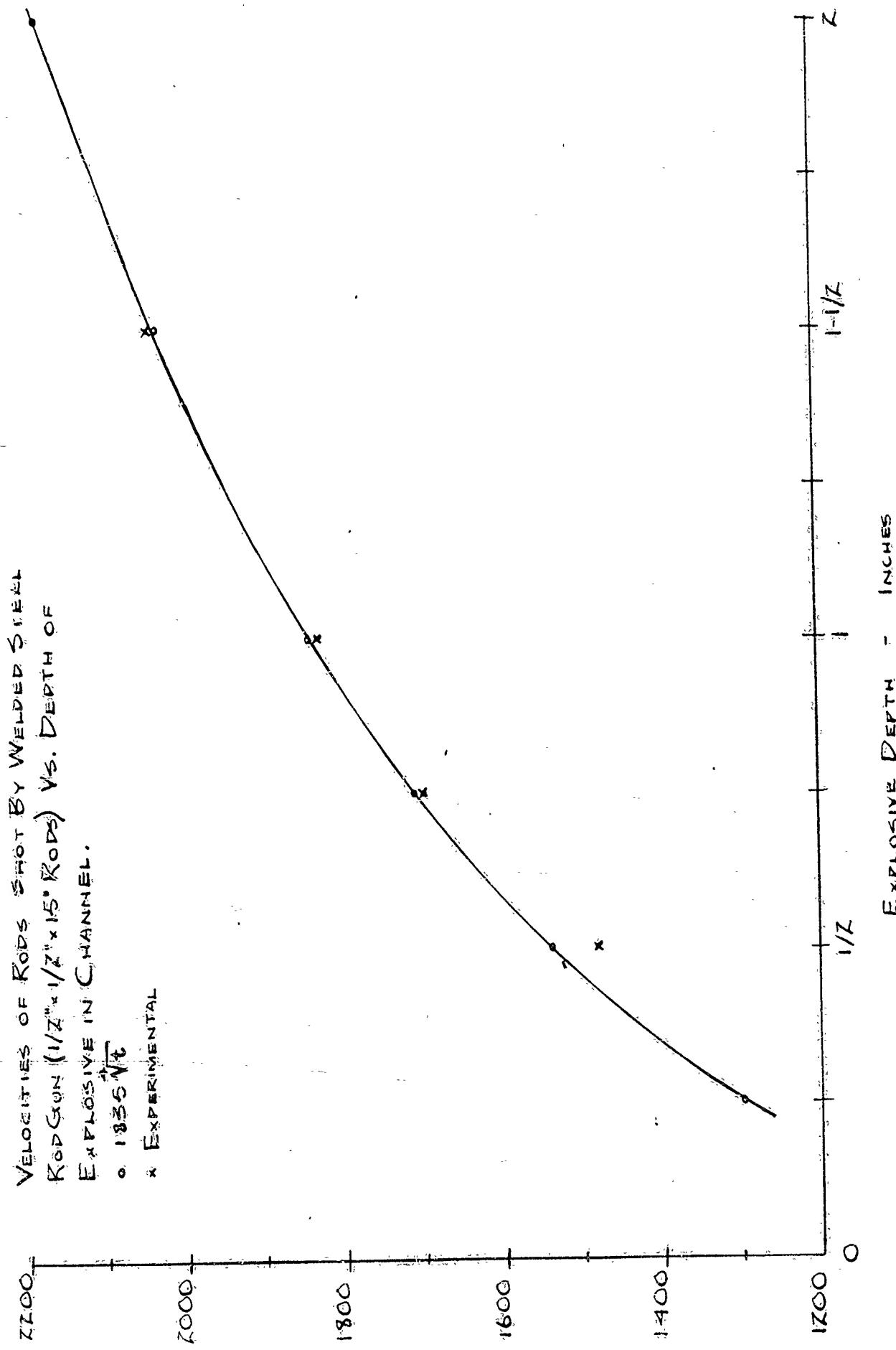
Figure 36



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Figure 37



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FIGURE 38